

8 December 2006

**Ex Parte**

Ms. Marlene Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Unlicensed Operation in the TV Broadcast Bands, *ET Docket No. 04-186*  
IP-Enabled Services, *WC Docket, No. 04-36*;

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On 7 December 2006, Craig Mundie, Ian Ferrell, Blair Westlake and Paula Boyd of Microsoft met with Commissioner Copps and his legal advisor, Bruce Gottlieb. During this meeting a brief discussion was held regarding the above-noted dockets. The primary purpose of Mr. Mundie's visit was to highlight the importance of the United States maintaining its international competitiveness and the impact of greater broadband deployment and the development and introduction of new technologies on achieving this goal.

In his discussion, Mr Mundie touched on two policy areas: white spaces and the converging IP networks. Specifically, Mr. Mundie indicated that Microsoft strongly supported granting prompt access to the television band white spaces for unlicensed devices (including personal and portable devices), and that there was no technical reason to wait for the digital TV transition. He also indicated that a worthwhile policy approach by the Commission might be to identify and pursue a limited set of core policy objectives such as E911, Universal Service, CALEA, and Network Neutrality. The Commission should pursue these finite set of objectives in a way that takes into account the structure of the IP platform, and regulates only where necessary and then only in the most limited manner possible. In response to a question, he indicated that he accepted that net neutrality can be implemented in a way that meets the needs of network operators, application and service providers, and consumers.

Please let me know if you have any questions about this filing.

Sincerely yours,



Scott Blake Harris

cc: Commissioner Copps's Office