



August 6, 2009

**Ex Parte**

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

*Re: Unlicensed Operation in the TV Broadcast Bands  
ET Docket Nos. 04-186, 02-380*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On August 5, 2009, on behalf of Dell Inc. and Microsoft Corp., Edmond Thomas met with Julius Knapp, Rashmi Doshi, and Bruce Romano of the Office of Engineering and Technology regarding the white spaces proceeding.

During this meeting, Mr. Thomas noted that Dell and Microsoft supported the Commission's conclusion that multiple white spaces database administrators will ensure that database services are made available efficiently and inexpensively. In addition, the parties discussed criteria that the Commission could use to help assess proposals from parties seeking to administer white spaces databases. Specifically, Mr. Thomas observed that, while the Commission should not attempt to specify standards for technical issues such as database design, interfaces, or data security, the forthcoming Public Notice on database administration should seek specific information from applicants regarding these topics. Mr. Thomas also stressed the importance of allowing only authorized entities who are entitled to protection to register with a database.

Finally, Mr. Thomas reiterated Dell and Microsoft's positions regarding use of the white spaces for licensed backhaul that were previously raised in the petition for reconsideration pleading cycle.

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch

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Pursuant to the Commission's rules, a copy of this notice is being filed electronically in the above-referenced docket. If you require any additional information please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Edmond J. Thomas". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial "E" and "T".

Edmond J. Thomas

Senior Technology Policy Advisor

cc: meeting participants