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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Ex Parte Notice
Docket No.: In the Matter of A National Broadband Plan for Our Future

GN Docket No. 09-51

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Tuesday, August 11, 2009, the undersigned counsel for Hughes Network Systems, LLC, along with Pradman Kaul, Chairman and CEO of Hughes Network Systems, LLC; Steve Doiron, Senior Director Regulatory Affairs of Hughes Network Systems, LLC and Paul Gaske, Executive Vice President of Hughes Network Systems, LLC met with Commissioner Michael J. Copps; Paul Murray, Legal Advisor for Wireless Issues to Commissioner Copps and Jennifer Schneider, Broadband, Wireline and Universal Service Legal Advisor to Commissioner Copps.

In the meeting, the participants discussed the following topics: the FCC's work on the National Broadband Plan; Hughes' potential ARRA applications for stimulus monies; and Hughes' concerns regarding the notice of funding availability (NOFA) as it would apply to regional or national applications. Specifically, Hughes stated its willingness to be a constructive resource and participate in the FCC's consideration and creation of a National Broadband Plan. Hughes summarized its possible ARRA applications for: (1) a subsidy for customer premises equipment and (2) a new satellite capable of significant advanced broadband speeds. And Hughes discussed its concern that the NOFA will inadvertently discriminate against any regional or national application, primarily because of the requirement that an application seeking to serve multiple service areas receive the highest score in each service area it addresses.

Any question about this matter should be directed to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. E. Mottur', written in a cursive style.

Alfred E. Mottur
Counsel for Hughes Network Systems, LLC

cc: Commissioner Michael Copps
Paul Murray
Jennifer Schneider
Steve Doiron
