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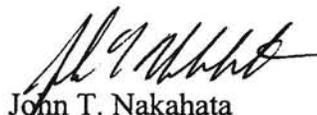
Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: *A National Broadband Plan for our Future*, GN Docket No. 09-51;
*International Comparison and Survey Requirements in the Broadband
Data Improvement Act*, GN Docket No. 09-47; *Inquiry Concerning the
Deployment of Advanced Telecommunications Capability to All
Americans in a Reasonable and Timely Fashion, and Possible Steps to
Accelerate Such Deployment Pursuant to Section 706 of the
Telecommunications Act of 1996, as Amended by the Broadband Data
Improvement Act*, GN Docket No. 09-137

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On September 17, 2009, Sureel Choksi, Chief Marketing Officer, John Ryan, Deputy Chief Legal Officer, and Bill Hunt, Vice President, Public Policy all of Level 3 Communications, LLC and the undersigned, met with Blair Levin, Rob Curtis, Tom Brown, Mukul Chawla, Rebeka Goodheart, Tom Koutsy, and B.J. Neal. Level 3 addressed matters already summarized in its comments. In addition, Level 3 discussed the economics of adding access points to existing fiber routes. After surveying its network for potential locations at which it might be possible to add access points, Level 3 found that few or none were economically feasible standing alone and only a small percentage would be economically feasible even if substantial subsidies were provided. For the most part, the industry has already constructed access points at the locations that are economically feasible under ordinary market conditions. This does not include the costs of deploying fiber from remote points or otherwise purchasing transport to those new access points on existing fiber routes.

Sincerely,



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