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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20554

**Notice of Oral *Ex Parte* Communication**

RE: A National Broadband Plan for our Future: GN Docket No. 09-51

Dear Ms. Dortch:

At the invitation of Federal Communications Commission staff, on September 17, 2009, John Saw, Ph.D, Chief Technology Officer, Cathleen Massey, VP Regulatory & Public Policy and Erin Boone, Corporate Counsel – Regulatory Affairs, met with the following members of the FCC’s Omnibus Broadband Initiative: Rebecca Hanson, Ziad Sleem, Brian David, Tom Peters, Margaret Weiner, Byron Neal, Stagg Newman, Thomas Brown, Joseph Soban and John Leibovitz. The meeting, which was organized by FCC staff, occurred just prior to Dr. Saw’s participation in the FCC Broadband workshop concerning spectrum issues and was also attended by two other workshop participants, Tarun Gupta, Ph.D, Vice President of Strategic Development, FiberTower who was accompanied by Joe Sandri, also of FiberTower and Paul Mankiewich, Ph.D, Chief Technology Officer of the Wireless Products Division, Alcatel-Lucent, who was accompanied by Andrew Delaney and Paul Kenefick, also of Alcatel-Lucent.

The meeting was a general preview of the issues publicly raised and discussed during the workshop that followed. Dr. Saw answered questions posed by FCC staff, as he did during the workshop, regarding Clearwire’s use of wireless backhaul services, the challenges of deploying broadband services in more remote areas, issues associated with spectrum efficiency and reuse, and the advantages of WiMAX technology. Although the questions that Dr. Saw answered at the meeting were posed by FCC staff and covered again during the course of the workshop, I am filing this *ex parte* in an abundance of caution.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b)(2) of the Commission’s Rules, notice of this *ex parte* communication is being filed electronically. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at 202-351-5033.

Sincerely,  
  
Cathleen A. Massey

cc: Meeting participants