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Marlene H. Dortch
Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: In the Matter of A National Broadband Plan for Our Future (GN Docket No. 09-51); Development of Nationwide Broadband Data (WC Docket No. 07-38); Broadband Industry Practices (WC Docket No. 07-52)

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On October 2, 2009, Eric Schmidt, Chief Executive Officer of Google Inc. (Google), along with Alan Davidson, Director of Public Policy and Government Affairs at Google, and the undersigned, met with Julius Genachowski, Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission; Edward Lazarus, Chief of Staff; Blair Levin, Executive Director of the Omnibus Broadband Initiative; and Paul De Sa, Chief of the Office of Strategic Planning and Policy Analysis, to discuss issues related to the above-referenced proceedings. During the course of the conversation, Mr. Schmidt expressed Google's continuing support for the National Broadband Plan proceeding, and reiterated Google's willingness to assist in developing a comprehensive record on broadband deployment and uptake. In that regard he noted several promising initiatives, including digital literacy pilot projects, which could help facilitate broadband adoption. Mr. Schmidt also expressed his appreciation to the Chairman for his leadership in promoting open and robust access to the Internet, and indicated that Google welcomes the opportunity to participate actively as the full Commission considers the Chairman's rulemaking proposal later this month.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard S. Whitt".

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