

November 2, 2009

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW, TW-A325
Washington, D.C. 20554

Ex Parte Notice:

In the Matter of a National Broadband Plan for Our Future, GN Docket No. 09-51

In the Matter of Comment Sought on the Impact of Middle and Second Mile Access on Broadband Availability and Deployment, NBP Public Notice # 11, GN Docket Nos. 09-47, 09-51, 09-137

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Friday, October 30, 2009, Kevin McGuire, Scott Reiter, Rick Schadelbauer and I on behalf of NTCA met with Tom Koutsky and Jessica Strott with the Broadband Task Force, and Nicholas Alexander with the Wireline Competition Bureau to discuss middle mile, second mile, and last mile issues and how to provide data and information to the Broadband Task Force in a useful format. The attached slide presentation was used to demonstrate some last, second, and middle mile network components and breakpoints in various small rural carrier networks.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, a copy of this letter and attachment is being filed via ECFS with your office. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (703) 351-2016.

Sincerely,

/s/ Daniel Mitchell
Daniel Mitchell
Vice President
Legal and Industry

DM:rhb
Attachment

cc: Tom Koutsky
Jessica Strott
Nicholas Alexander

Last Mile, Second Mile, and Middle Mile

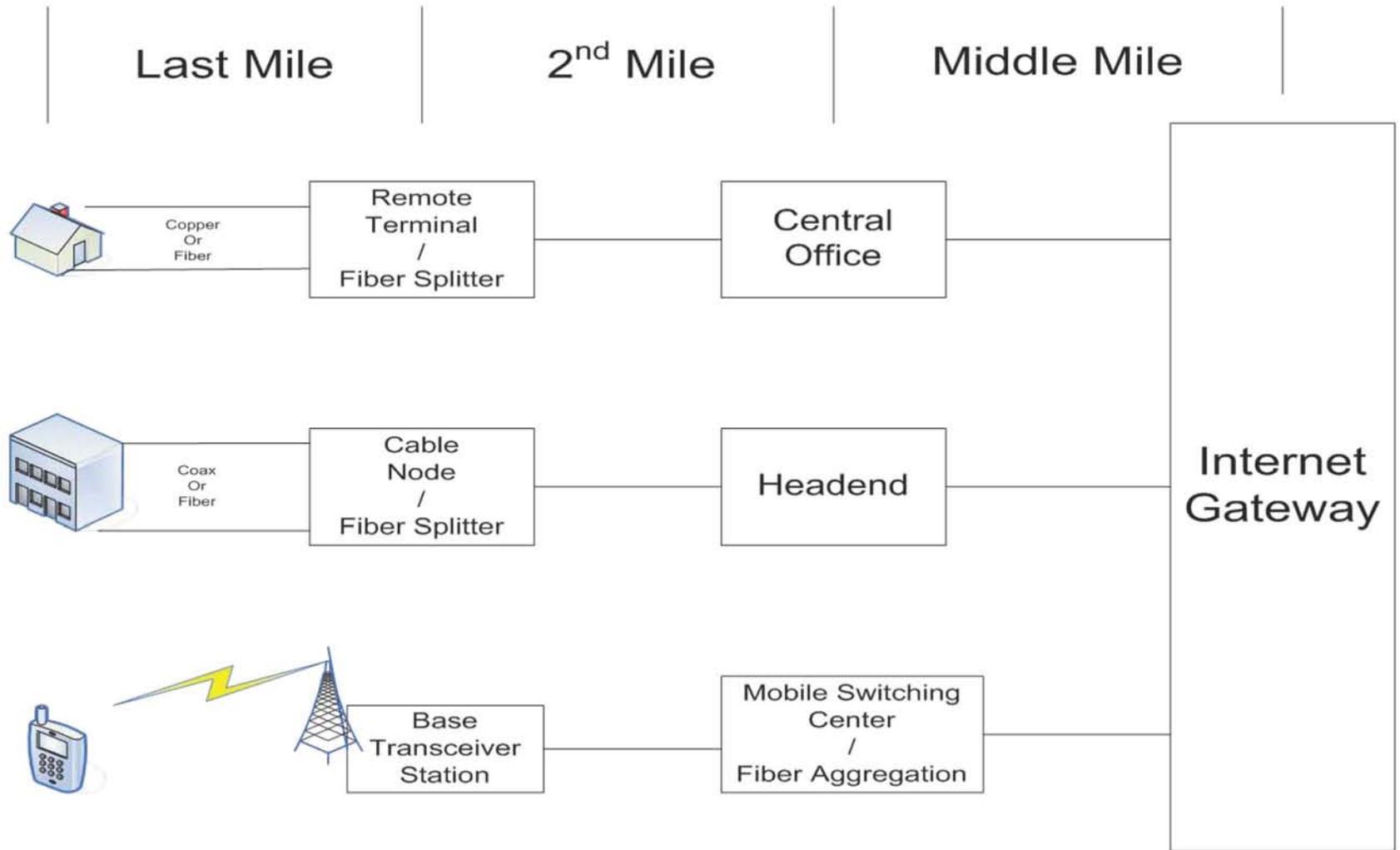


Figure on page 2, FCC: DA 09-2186, GN Docket Nos. 09-47, 09-51, 09-137, COMMENT SOUGHT ON IMPACT OF MIDDLE AND SECOND MILE ACCESS ON BROADBAND AVAILABILITY AND DEPLOYMENT, NBP Public Notice # 11

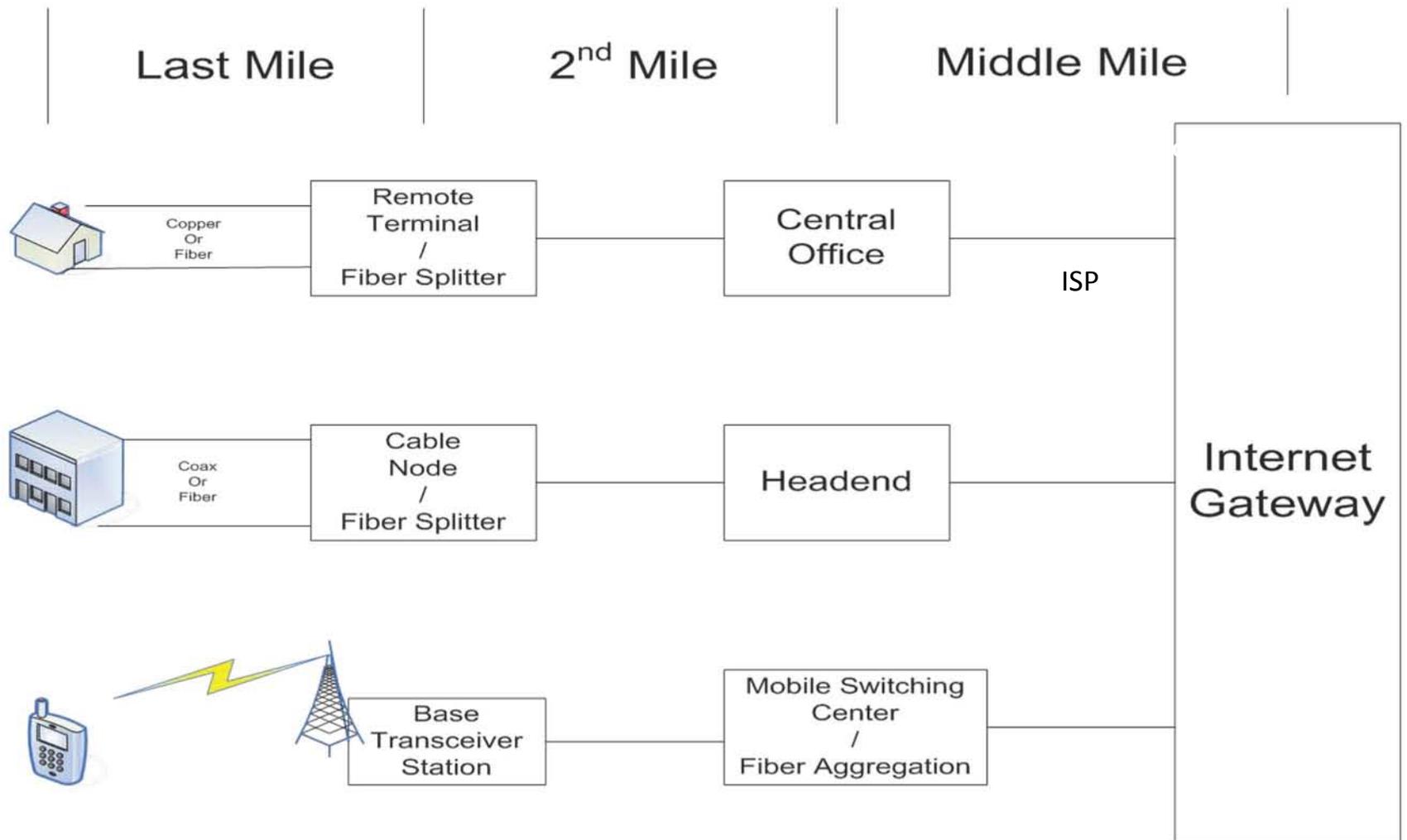


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Rural ILECs Come in Many Sizes and Shapes

5 Miles

To Internet

To Internet

10 Miles

50 Miles

To Internet