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**Ex Parte**

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

*Re: GN Docket Nos. 09-47, 09-51, and 09-137; ET Docket Nos. 04-186 and 02-380*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Wednesday, December 2, 2009, Mr. Fred Humphries and Ms. Paula Boyd of Microsoft met with Commissioner Clyburn and Mr. Louis Peraertz and discussed issues surrounding broadband.

Specifically, Mr. Humphries and Ms. Boyd discussed the importance of adopting policies that will drive greater wireless and wireline broadband availability at ever evolving speeds and of connecting anchor institutions such as schools, libraries and healthcare facilities to robust, futureproof broadband connections. They also discussed the need for the FCC to make more unlicensed spectrum available, and as detailed in [Richard Thanki's paper](#), noted the increasingly important role unlicensed spectrum is playing with respect to wireless communications and our economy.

As the FCC explores the intersection of cloud computing and broadband, Mr. Humphries noted the important role security and privacy will play in the emergence of the cloud. Microsoft also touched on its [Partnership for Technology Access program](#), which internationally has driven adoption in various population segments in many different countries, and highlighted the Microsoft-sponsored [IDC study](#) detailing the significant economic contributions of software to both our national and global economy. Lastly, Microsoft noted how it is addressing worker training needs through its [Elevate America program](#).

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Pursuant to the Commission's rules, a copy of this letter is being filed electronically in the above-referenced dockets. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

*/s/ Paula Boyd*

Paula Boyd

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*Cc: Louis Peraertz*