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Via Electronic Filing

Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re : *Notification of Ex Parte Presentation*
GN Docket Nos. 09-47, 09-51, 09-137

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On December 15, 2009, representatives of the Telecommunications Industry Association (“TIA”) met with the Julius Knapp, Walter Johnston, Nicholas Oros and Rodney Small of the Office of Engineering Technology to discuss research policy issues raised in connection with the National Broadband Plan. Stagg Newman of the Office of Strategic Planning & Policy Analysis also participated via telephone. Participants on behalf of TIA included the following individuals: Carolyn Holmes Lee and Patrick Sullivan, TIA; Adam Drobot, Telcordia; Jake McLeod, Bechtel Telecommunications; Doug Cooper, One Chip Photonics; Chris Janson, Ciena; and Dave Borth, Motorola.

At the meeting, TIA discussed its White Paper entitled “Investing in Telecom for Tomorrow’s Innovations: Recommendations for Telecommunications Research and Development.” Research is the backbone of the communications industry and the building block for the future development of advanced telecommunications products and services. Accordingly, TIA emphasized that research will play a key role as a part of the nation’s broadband policy. TIA discussed the overall need for increased involvement of both industry and government in network research and the imperative for the National Broadband Plan to include an emphasis on research and competitiveness. TIA also outlined the policy recommendations for telecommunications research contained in its White Paper.

In accordance with Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission’s rules, this letter is being filed electronically with your office. Please contact the undersigned if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

/s/

Carolyn Holmes Lee
Director, Legislative and Government Affairs

cc: Julius Knapp
Walter Johnston
Nicholas Oros

Rodney Small
Stagg Newman