

December 23, 2009

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

Re: Notice of Ex Parte Communication

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Monday, November 16, 2009, Robin Mersh of the Broadband Forum (BBF) participated in a meeting with Stagg Newman and Rohit Dixit of the National Broadband Task Force at the FCC headquarters in Washington, DC, where a presentation was delivered detailing the work and focus of the Broadband Forum (the presentation is attached). We discussed the needs of the Task Force in developing the National Broadband Plan, specifically in regards to the capabilities of the various broadband technologies.

In particular, we discussed the capabilities of fiber and Digital Subscriber Line (DSL) technologies in regards to the relationship between capacity (rate) and line length (reach), and how this can be factored into calculations for coverage of a population and geography. We also discussed Dynamic Spectrum Management (DSM) and bonding for DSL technologies and when the capabilities of these technologies will impact deployments.

We also discussed the background, experience, work and procedures of the Broadband Forum, and how the Forum can potentially help the development of the National Broadband Plan.

We concluded with the Task Force identifying several issues in which they would like further information from the Broadband Forum, specifically: detailed tables and discussion of downstream and upstream capacity for VDSL2 (both with and without vectoring) and ADSL2plus, and how that impacts coverage. The Broadband Forum has submitted specific feedback to these points in: [Broadband Forum response to FCC National Broadband Task Force request for information regarding broadband access technology capabilities](#), attached.

Please direct any questions to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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