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Ex Parte

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

Re: GN Docket Nos. 09-47, 09-51, and 09-137

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On December 29, 2009, Diana Pallais, Randy Siegel, Shaun O'Conner and Paula Boyd of Microsoft met by telephone with Nicholas Maynard and Dave Vorhaus of the Commission staff to discuss ways in which the Commission can facilitate broadband adoption in the small business segment. Microsoft discussed the company's experience with the Small Business Administration and the resources that need to be provided to small businesses to maximize their adoption of broadband services. Microsoft also shared information it previously provided to Commission staff regarding its experience outside the U.S. participating in programs involving governments, the private sector and non-profit organizations to facilitate broadband adoption by members of certain communities.¹

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

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Paula Boyd

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cc: Nicholas Maynard
Dave Vorhaus

¹ See, e.g., Letter from Paula Boyd, Microsoft Corp., to Marlene Dortch, FCC, GN Docket Nos. 09-47, 09-51 and 09-137, December 23, 2009.