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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, 09-137, and 09-191; WC Docket No. 07-52; ET
Docket Nos. 04-186 and 02-380***

Dear Ms. Dortch:

In Las Vegas, Nevada on January 7, 2010, Steve Ballmer, Fred Humphries, and Anoop Gupta of Microsoft met with Chairman Julius Genachowski, Edward P. Lazarus, and Steven Van Roekel of the FCC.

During the meeting, Mr. Ballmer discussed PC use and broadband marketplace trends in the context of the Commission's development of the National Broadband Plan. He noted that Microsoft supports the connection of anchor institutions -- such as K-12 schools, higher education institutions, libraries, and hospitals -- to robust, future-proof (*e.g.*, fiber) broadband connectivity, and highlighted the role of public-private partnerships involving governments, the private sector, and non-profit organizations in facilitating broadband adoption in various communities. Mr. Ballmer also discussed emerging technology trends and noted the importance of proceeding cautiously in connection with consideration of regulations to preserve an open Internet.

Additionally, Mr. Gupta stated that the FCC should adopt policies that make more licensed *and* unlicensed spectrum available for wireless broadband. With respect to unlicensed spectrum, he discussed the importance of the FCC moving quickly to conclude the outstanding issues in its white spaces proceeding in a manner that allows white spaces devices to flourish while protecting the operations of incumbents. Lastly, as regards to video services and device interfaces, Mr. Gupta noted that the existence of a common interface by which devices access video services could spur innovation, and discussed the tradeoffs in achieving this through market forces or regulation.

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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 contact the undersigned if you have any questions concerning this submission.

Respectfully submitted,

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