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

**Re: Notice of *Ex Parte* Presentation
GN Docket Nos. 09-47, 09-51 and 09-137
ET Docket Nos. 04-186 and 02-380**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Wednesday, January 13, 2010, Jack Unger and Tom DeReggi of the Wireless Internet Service Providers Association (“WISPA”) and undersigned counsel to WISPA, met with Blair Levin, Al Lewis, John Leibovitz, Nick Alexander and Carol Matthey.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss WISPA’s views on the Commission’s development of a National Broadband Plan. The participants reviewed the attached presentation and report, and discussed a number of related issues. Commission staff was interested in WISPA’s claim that there are 24 million households without broadband access and asked for additional information.

With respect to spectrum issues, WISPA expressed concern that any repacking of the TV spectrum could result in a loss of TV white space spectrum for fixed services. WISPA discussed its proposals for improving access to spectrum through “licensed lite” spectrum allocation, “spectrum homesteading” and auctions for smaller geographic areas. WISPA explained that its request for 300 megahertz of spectrum for fixed wireless broadband was based on three broadband providers in a market each having 100 megahertz of spectrum to accommodate increasingly intensive bandwidth usage.

WISPA reported that SBA loans, other federal and state grant and loan programs and universal service reform would direct governmental funding to areas most in need of broadband.

WISPA stated that the combination of better spectrum allocation policies and technical rules, improved access to affordable middle mile facilities and establishment of universal service support for broadband would stimulate private investment in the availability and adoption of broadband in rural and underserved areas.



In accordance with Section 1.1206 of the Commission's Rules, one copy of this letter is being filed electronically via ECFS and one copy is being delivered by e-mail to each of the Commission's meeting attendees.

Sincerely,

Stephen E. Coran

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