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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 January 28, 2010, the following persons met with Jessica Strott, Alana Berkowitz, and Adam Gerson of the Commission's National Broadband Task Force and Luke Tate, Dana Lehmann-Kim, and David Chase of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD"): Diana Pallais, Randy Siegel and Ariel Pacecca of Microsoft Corp. ("Microsoft"); Ken Eisner of One Economy; Margie Dickman and Eric Greenman of Intel Corp. ("Intel"); Brian Mefford of Connected Nation (by telephone); Rick Welch and Jason Kellner of Redemtech Inc. ("Redemtech") (each by telephone); and S. Roberts Carter of Wiltshire and Grannis, LLP, representing Dell Inc. ("Dell"). This meeting was convened by the FCC to support the public-private partnership ("PPP") involving the above-named organizations (among others) that the Commission has been leading in an effort to drive broadband adoption in furtherance of the National Broadband Plan.

The Commission and HUD representatives opened the meeting by sharing the supportive message that HUD Secretary Shaun Donovan conveyed to FCC Chairman Julius Genachowski, in which Secretary Donovan expressed his belief that the PPP is a worthy undertaking because of the intrinsic value of technology access for HUD constituents, and noted his appreciation for the solution-oriented approach of the PPP. The discussion then turned to an understanding of the different constituencies that HUD serves, their respective needs, HUD's policy objectives vis-à-vis the constituencies most relevant to this PPP, and how technology access can better serve the HUD-resident relationship and optimize the individual needs of residents. The parties also discussed the relative size of each such constituency.

After establishing and discussing the transformative socio-economic potential inherent in the PPP, the parties acknowledged the significant investment of time and resources necessary to bring to

bear so many different parties, processes and interests. The parties agreed upon the value of reverse-engineering a process to identify proactively and remove obstacles to a smooth roll-out of the initiative, and discussed a *modus operandi* for how the parties may work together towards common goals. The parties also communicated to the HUD representatives that HUD is seen as the most important partner in the PPP. Finally, the Microsoft and Intel representatives noted the importance of identifying an addressable market that is sufficiently large to support the investments necessary to build the PPP.

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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