



February 1, 2010

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

***Ex Parte Notice***

***In the Matter of A National Broadband Plan for Our Future, GN Docket Nos. 09-47, 09-51, 09-137***

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Sunday, January 31, 2010, Carol Matthey of the Commission's National Broadband Task Force met with National Telecommunications Cooperative Association (NTCA) staff, members and guests during an NTCA Industry and Wireless Joint Committee meeting in Tampa, Florida. See attached attendees list of those present.

We discussed issues raised in NTCA's June 8, 2009 initial comment filed in the above docket, which reflects NTCA member concerns about the National Broadband Plan (NBP), broadband deployment and adoption in rural areas, and cost recovery through USF and intercarrier compensation. NBP issues discussed include rural health care, transitions, timelines, stand-alone DSL, economies of scope and scale, fixed and mobile wireless, USF contribution methodology, middle mile, last mile, Lifeline/Link-up, loop costs, separations, and carrier of last resort obligations.

The discussions were consistent with NTCA's positions in previously filed comments and pleadings in the above-referenced dockets.

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Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, a copy of this letter is being filed via ECFS with your office. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (703) 351-2146.

Sincerely,

/s/ Karlen Reed

Karlen Reed

Senior Regulatory Counsel, Legal & Industry

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Attachment: List of attendees

cc: Carol Matthey

Attendees - NTCA Industry and Wireless Joint Committee Meeting – January 31, 2010

Daniel Mitchell, Vice President-Legal & Industry, NTCA  
Jill Canfield, Senior Regulatory Counsel, NTCA  
Karlen Reed, Senior Regulatory Counsel, NTCA  
Scott Reiter, Director of Industry Relations, NTCA  
Janet Bathurst, General Manager, S&A Telephone Company  
Richard Coit, Executive Director, South Dakota Telecommunications Association  
Tom Conry, General Manager, Farmers Mutual Cooperative Telephone Company  
Wendy Fast, President, Consolidated Telephone Company  
Jason Dandridge, CEO, Palmetto Rural Telephone Cooperative  
David Fox, VP/General Manager, Clinton County Telephone Company  
Keith Galitz, President/General Manager, Canby Telecom  
Emory Graffis, General Manager, Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company  
Phil Hayes, Chairman, Hancock Telecom  
J. Frederick Johnson, EVP / General Manager, Farmers Telecommunications Cooperative  
Dannay Kellar, Manager, Etex Telephone Cooperative  
Levoy Knowles, CEO, Ben Lomand Telephone Cooperative  
Denny Law, General Manager, Golden West Telecommunications Cooperative  
Keith Larson, General Manager, Dakota Central Telecommunications  
Wendel Myers, General Manager, Grand River Mutual Telephone Corporation  
Lonnie Pedersen, COO, Telephone Service Company/Hanson Communications  
Andy Randol, Manager, Panora Communications Cooperative  
Robert Rozell, CFO/COO, BTC Broadband  
William Squires, Senior VP-General Counsel, Blackfoot Telephone Cooperative  
Ron Strecker, CEO, Panhandle Telephone Cooperative  
Mark Benton, General Manager, Midstate Communications  
Kelly Bond, VP, Public Service Telephone Company  
Daryl Carlson, EVP/General Manager, Webster-Calhoun Cooperative  
Jeff Goodrich, COO, Strata Networks  
Ray Meyer, Director, Grand River Mutual Telephone Corporation  
Tom Preston, General Manager/CEO, Foothills Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation  
Richard Ruhl, General Manager, Pioneer Telephone Cooperative  
Paul Schuetzler, General Manager, Consolidated Telcom  
Scott Sherman, General Manager, Hardy Telecommunications  
Rick Vergin, CEO, Mosaic Telecom  
Bill Wade, General Manager, Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative  
Carol Brennan, JP Industry Relations, NECA  
Pat Holton, Consultant, Olsen-Thielen  
Duaine Ternes, Telecom Business Manager, NISC-ND  
Raymond Henagan, CEO, Rock Port Telephone Co.  
Andy Denzer, Principal, Warinner, Geseinger & Associates  
Chris Schroeder, CEO, TCA  
Mike Shimke, USA, Inc.

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Ryan Boone, Consultant, Kiesling Associates

Donna Schaber, PC Technician, FMCTC

Craig Johnson, Director, Mid-Rivers Telephone Coop

Don Miller, CEO, Northwest Telephone Cooperative Association