



February 16, 2010

**Via ECFS**

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

Re: *GN Docket Nos. 09-47, 09-51, 09-137*  
*Implementation of Smart Grid Technology and the National Broadband Plan*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Friday, February 5, 2010, I discussed Cisco's February 1, 2010 ex parte filing with FCC staff member Nick Sinai of the National Broadband Plan team.<sup>1</sup> The conversation occurred via telephone. I reviewed the key points of Cisco's February 1 filing, stating that Cisco's filing did not oppose utility-assigned spectrum for smart grid, and that we believe the FCC should examine the utility-provided information about their business models and use cases in considering what recommendation the FCC wants to make to Congress about the allocation of such spectrum.

Respectfully submitted,

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<sup>1</sup> This notice of an ex parte conversation is made pursuant to Public Notice, "Waiver of Filing Deadlines Due To Adverse Weather Conditions," released Feb. 16, 2010 (directing all filings due during the government closure to be filed on February 16, 2010).