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Marlene Dortch, Secretary  
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**Re: Ex Parte Presentation: 09-47, 09-51, 09-137, and 09-223**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On April 15, 2010, Gene DeJordy of Native American Telecom – Crow Creek, Ronda Hawk, Director of the Boys and Girls Club - Crow Creek Reservation, David Erickson and Jeff Holoubek of Free Conferencing Corp., and Mary Diamond Stirewalt of Mary Diamond Strategies LLC met with Lauren Kravetz, Yul Kwon, and Michael Connelly of the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau and Irene Flannery of the Wireline Competition Bureau. On April 16, 2010, Mlles. Hawk and Stirewalt and Messrs. DeJordy, Erickson and Holoubek met with Commissioner Michael J. Copps and Jennifer Schneider, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Copps.

The parties discussed the deployment of a sustainable broadband initiative on the Crow Creek Indian Reservation in South Dakota and the operational challenges associated with this deployment. Mr. DeJordy stressed that deploying broadband through Native American owned and controlled telecommunications carriers represents the best means of achieving Congress's stated goals of promoting civic participation, community development, education, worker training, entrepreneurial activity, job creation and economic growth on tribal lands, as well as closing the broadband gap in tribal areas as recognized in the Commission's National Broadband Plan.

Respectfully submitted,



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