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

**Re: Notice of Oral *Ex Parte* Communication in  
*Preserving the Open Internet*, GN Docket No. 09-191  
*Broadband Industry Practices*, WC Docket No. 07-52  
*Framework for Broadband Internet Service*, GN Docket No. 10-127  
*Applications of Comcast Corporation, General Electric Company and  
NBC Universal, Inc. For Consent to Assign Licenses or Transfer Control  
of Licensees*, MB Docket No. 10-56**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

We submit this notice in compliance with Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules.

On August 12, 2010, Chris Riley, policy counsel for Free Press, and I met with Angela Kronenberg, Acting Chief of Staff and Wireline Legal Advisor, and Eloise Gore, Acting Media Legal Advisor, for Commissioner Mignon Clyburn.

We discussed the Commission's open proceedings on authority over broadband services and the open Internet, as well as the recent joint proposed framework by Verizon and Google. Free Press identified our points of disagreement over several aspects of the framework, including its differential treatment of wireless networks, its omission of clear FCC authority over managed services, and its limitations to Commission rulemaking authority.

In addition, we discussed the Commission's pending review of the Comcast/NBCU merger application. Free Press stressed that the merger applicants have failed to demonstrate that proposed transaction meets the requisite public interest standard mandated by the Communications Act. We underscored the adverse impact the merger would have on competition in the nascent online video market, as well as in local media markets where Comcast cable and broadband access operations overlap with NBC owned-and-operated broadcast stations. Free Press also highlighted the insufficiency of the Commission's current regulatory provisions to protect against anticompetitive behavior in the traditional and online video markets.

In accordance with the Commission's rules this *ex parte* notice is being filed electronically in the above referenced dockets. If you have any questions regarding this filing, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

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