

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

Re: Notice of Ex Parte Communication, GN Docket No. 09-191 (Preserving the Open Internet), WC  
Docket No. 07-52 (Broadband Industry Practices)

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Monday, December 13, 2010, Reverend Roosevelt Watkins of the Ministerial Alliance Against the Digital Divide (MAADD) called to speak with Commissioners Copps and Commissioners Clyburn about the docket concerning the Open Internet and Broadband Industry Practices, both referenced above. Reverend Watkins was unable to speak with Commissioner Copps, but was able to leave messages for the following members of the Commissioner's staff: Joshua Cinelli, Media Advisor; Margaret McCarthy, Policy Advisor, Wireline; John Giusti, Chief of Staff and Legal Advisor for Wireless, Public Safety and International; and Carolyn Conyers, Confidential Assistant.

He was also unable to speak with Commissioner Clyburn and left messages for the following individuals on her staff: Dave Grimaldi, Chief of Staff and Media Legal Advisor; Louis Peraertz, Legal Advisor, Wireless, International, and Public Safety; Angie Kronenberg, Wireline Legal Advisor; Drema Johnson, Deputy Chief of Staff; and DeeAnn Smith, Staff Assistant.

In his messages for all of the above staff members, Reverend Watkins reiterated the points made by MAADD in previous filings in the above dockets. He expressed MAADD's concerns about net neutrality as MAADD views it as a threat to efforts to close the Digital Divide and cautioned against any policy that would create a disincentive for companies to invest. MAADD feels that extreme net neutrality rules could curtail broadband investment in the communities MAADD represents, leaving people further behind.

Rev. Watkins also noted MAADD's cautious optimism regarding Chairman Genachowski's recent statements on net neutrality. MAADD feels that more important than net neutrality is that the FCC move forward in quickly implementing the National Broadband Plan, which has great potential for narrowing the Digital Divide.

Sincerely,

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