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

Re: *Written Ex Parte Presentation*
ET Docket Nos. 09-191 and WC Docket No. 07-52

Dear Ms. Dortch:

My company, NuTel Broadband Corporation, provides Fixed Wireless broadband service to various underserved locations in Arkansas, Missouri and Oklahoma . We rely primarily on unlicensed spectrum to deliver broadband services to consumers that have limited broadband choices. We built our network from scratch using devices authorized under Part 15 rules the FCC adopted to open up 900 MHz, 2.4 GHz, 3.65 GHz and 5 GHz spectrum for unlicensed or light licensed broadband devices. Thanks to the Commission's initiatives; consumers, businesses, and government services in served markets can now get broadband services such as internet connectivity and VoIP at rates below regional established norms.

We deploy VoIP telephone services to about 55% of our subscriber base, offering bundled features at no cost that often are not available by any other means. Likewise, our Internet speeds are exponentially higher than those available using cellular air cards or DSL when they are even available. Many of our clients are businesses, or remote workers that depend on our connection for daily.

Fiber is sparse in our areas of coverage and when we do find reasonably priced fiber connectivity we establish our NOC. We use this point to interconnect with our wireless network using robust wireless equipment to provide the best service possible to our clients. One of the single most troublesome issues we encounter is the heavy use of bandwidth by a limited number of clients, often streaming copious video files. The cumulative effect of these high demand applications can often slow our network for all users and at times impacts on the integrity of our voice services.

Limited spectrum, cost of high capacity backhaul equipment and demands of these services on peak hours come to create the perfect storm and place us in a position where we would have to reduce overall service capacity or increase the cost of services on our rural delivery systems to reflect the cost of added capacity. Either policy would be unfair to the majority of users that are very satisfied with the price, product offerings and performance. In effect, we are making the many pay for the few.

NuTel Broadband Corporation is concerned that certain Network Neutrality rules, if adopted, would severely and adversely affect our ability to continue to provide our customers with affordable Fixed Wireless broadband services. It is our understanding that although mobile broadband will have a special set of rules, Fixed Wireless broadband will be lumped in with traditional wired services and be subject to a stricter set of rules. We feel that the Network Neutrality rules imposed on Fixed Wireless broadband should be no more rigid than the rules that will apply to mobile wireless broadband providers. The physics of wireless technology and delivery necessitate a relaxed set of rules for all wireless technologies.

Many of the proposed rules will destroy our industry, our business and our customers' Internet experience. We believe wireless networks, either Fixed or mobile, will be unable to operate effectively if the definition of what constitutes "reasonable" network management practices does not account for the unique obstacles faced by small businesses with congested networks, bandwidth constraints, tower and middle-mile access limitations and a lack of investment capital. **For many households in rural America, this will mean the loss of broadband services entirely at a time when the country is seeking to accomplish ubiquitous coverage.**

We need to face the reality that content delivery and demand is outpacing the technology and spectrum available to meet consumer demands, especially for Fixed Wireless networks that have limited spectrum, capacity and throughput. Many regions of our country do not have the wireline broadband infrastructure available to meet this demand. The past has proven that often times it is economically unfeasible to build new wireline infrastructure in rural areas; thus Fixed Wireless broadband is often the only economical delivery mechanism to deliver quality broadband services to those households that have been overlooked or bypassed by traditional wireline Internet providers.

It should not be taken lightly that the FCC was charged by the ARRA to write a National Broadband Plan so that all Americans could receive affordable broadband service. If the proposed rules are approved, this one action alone would cripple this goal. Why would the FCC protect one method of wireless broadband delivery and not apply the same good fortune to a similar technology that is in place and actively servicing many people and businesses today? As Fixed Wireless technology improves, and more spectrum is opened to the Fixed Wireless industry, then a more relaxed set of Network Neutrality rules may be revisited in the future, but **now is not the proper time.**

In nearly every industry in the world, flow is managed, whether it is sewer systems, hydraulic fluid, natural gas, air traffic, the highway system, or countless other systems. Flow management is essential for orderly delivery of a medium in a safe and effective process. Data is no different than anything mentioned above. Without proper management, systems will fail and the data highways will be disrupted, leaving millions of businesses and residents without service.

Companies that are building and maintaining the data highways should be able to control and manage the traffic coming in and out of their network as they see fit, in order to effectively deliver the high levels of sustained traffic that are starting to clog the Internet.

The majority of Fixed Wireless networks have been completely funded with private funds and organic growth. As Internet traffic grows exponentially, Fixed Wireless broadband providers are seeing not only their middle mile transport costs increasing but last mile transport costs increasing exponentially as well. Given the state of our current economy, we do not feel

that we can pass these increased costs on to our customers. This is not a time to increase regulation in order to satisfy the consumer thirst for more content delivered to their doorstep for the same cost that they are currently paying.. The economics just do not justify it.

Our company supports the positions taken by WISPA, the Wireless Internet Service Providers Association in their Ex Parte presentation filed on December 10, 2010.

Sincerely,

/s/ Joe Fiero

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