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Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
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RE: *Broadband Pole Attachments, WC Docket No. 07-245*
National Broadband Plan, GN Docket No. 09-51

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On March 9, 2011, Karen Reidy of COMPTTEL, Thomas Jones of Willkie Farr & Gallagher (on behalf of tw telecom), Jennifer McKee and Steve Morris of the National Cable & Telecommunications Association (NCTA), and Paul Glist of Davis Wright Tremaine LLP (on behalf of NCTA) (collectively the Broadband Providers) met with Zac Katz, Legal Advisor to Chairman Genachowski, Sharon Gillett, Chief of the Wireline Competition Bureau, and Christi Shewman, Jennifer Prime, Bill Dever, Albert Lewis, Jeremy Miller, Marcus Maher, Marvin Sacks, Wes Platt, and Dick Kwiatkowski of the Wireline Competition Bureau, to discuss the Commission's Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in WC Docket No. 07-245 (*Further Notice*).

The Broadband Providers expressed strong support for the proposal in the *Further Notice* to promote broadband deployment by allowing telecommunications carriers, including incumbent local exchange carriers, to attach to poles at rates, terms, and conditions comparable to those available to cable operators under the formula contained in Section 224(d) of the Act. We also encouraged the Commission to revisit the costs included in the telecommunications rate formula contained in Section 224(e), as proposed in the report of Patricia Kravtin that was submitted with NCTA's comments in this proceeding.

The Broadband Providers also expressed strong support for the proposal in the *Further Notice* to promote broadband deployment by adopting procedural requirements with respect to the make-ready process. We explained that there is no reason why such requirements should interfere with the safe and efficient provision of electric services, as demonstrated by experience in states that have adopted similar procedures.

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Please do not hesitate to call should you have any questions regarding this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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