



March 10, 2011

**Ex Parte**

Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

*Re: Implementation of Section 224 of the Act; Amendment of the Commission's Rules and Policies Governing Pole Attachments, WC Docket No. 07-245, RM-11293 and RM-11303; Report on Rural Broadband Strategy, GN Docket No. 09-29; A National Broadband Plan for Our Future, GN Docket No. 09-51*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On March 9, 2011 Charles Stockdale of Fibertech Networks, LLC ("Fibertech") along with the undersigned of this firm, met with: Claude Aiken, William Dever, Al Lewis, Marcus Maher, Jeremy Miller, Wesley Platt, and Christi Shewman.

During the meeting, Fibertech explained that it has already seen the benefit of the Commission's May 2010 *Pole Access Order*.<sup>1</sup> Specifically, pole owners in Maryland and Pennsylvania have, as required by the *Order*,<sup>2</sup> permitted Fibertech to use techniques such as boxing that the pole owner has itself used, thereby allowing Fibertech to deploy more fiber more quickly in these jurisdictions.

Fibertech urged the Commission to move forward expeditiously to adopt firm access timelines and to permit attachers to use third-party contractors, explaining that these reforms, like the reforms already adopted, will enable Fibertech to increase and expedite its fiber deployment.

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<sup>1</sup> *Implementation of Section 224 of the Act; A National Broadband Plan for Our Future*, WC Docket No. 07-245; GN Docket No. 09-51 (rel. May 20, 2010).

<sup>2</sup> *Id.* ¶¶ 8-16.

As part of these meetings, Fibertech distributed the attached handout.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'BDS', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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cc: Claude Aiken  
William Dever  
Al Lewis  
Marcus Maher  
Jeremy Miller  
Wesley Platt  
Christi Shewman