

March 25, 2011

EX PARTE NOTICE

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

**Re Broadband Pole Attachments, WC Docket No. 07-245
National Broadband Plan, GN Docket No. 09-51**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On March 24, 2011, Mary McManus of Comcast Corporation and Wes Heppler of Davis Wright Tremaine LLP met with Christine Kurth, Policy Director and Wireline Counsel for Commissioner McDowell. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss Comcast's filings in the above captioned proceedings.

During the meeting, Comcast expressed its support for the pole rate formula amendments proposed in the *Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (FNPRM)*. We specifically discussed the appropriate pole rate formula for cable provided VoIP service.

We also discussed Comcast's concerns regarding the *FNPRM*'s proposals to revise both the unauthorized attachment and safety violation enforcement standards. Comcast emphasized that the evidence in the record did not support revision of either of these two Commission policies and we pointed to the March 7, 2011 ex parte filing of Progress Energy stating: "Most licensees either construct their facilities in compliance with the NESC and Progress Energy specification in the first instance or timely correct any violations found during post-attachment inspection." In light of this statement and other significant evidence submitted in the *FNPRM*

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proceeding, Comcast stressed that the Commission should maintain its current unauthorized attachment and safety violation enforcement policies.

Please contact the undersigned should you have any questions regarding this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wendy H. Hargrove".

cc: Christine Kurth