

October 24, 2011

Ex Parte

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

Re: Unlicensed Operation in the Television Broadcast Bands, ET Docket Nos. 04-186, 02-380

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On October 20, 2011, Richard Whitt and Aparna Sridhar of Google Inc., and Paul Margie and Rob Carter on behalf of Google, met with William Lake, Chief of the Media Bureau; John Leibovitz, Tom Peters, and Robert Alderfer of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau; Julius Knapp and Alan Stillwell, Chief and Deputy Chief respectively of the Office of Engineering and Technology; and Greg Guice, Acting Director of the Office of Legislative Affairs.

During this meeting, we discussed the status of white spaces and unlicensed technologies. Specifically, we highlighted the recent recommendations of the White Space Database Administrator Group regarding interoperability and channel calculation.¹ We also thanked the Commission for its ongoing hard work and urged the Commission to resolve the five pending petitions for reconsideration in the white spaces docket, and to obtain OMB approval for data collections for incumbent services eligible to register locations with white spaces databases, to provide additional certainty for white spaces developers.

Finally, we reiterated Google's position that any grant from Congress of voluntary incentive auction authority should provide the agency with flexibility to ensure an appropriate mix of licensed and unlicensed broadband spectrum in the TV bands.²

¹ White Space Database Administrator Group, Database-to-Database Synchronization Interoperability Specification, ET Docket Nos. 04-186 and 02-380 (filed Oct. 7, 2011); White Space Database Administrator Group, Channel Calculations for White Spaces Guidelines, ET Docket Nos. 04-186 and 02-380 (filed Oct. 7, 2011).

² Google Inc., *Notice of Ex Parte*, ET Docket Nos. 10-235, 10-237, 04-186 and 02-380 (filed May 26, 2011).

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Pursuant to the Commission's rules, a copy of this notice is being filed electronically in the above-referenced dockets. If you require any additional information please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Paul Margie

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cc: meeting participants