



June 18, 2012

VIA ELECTRONIC COMMENT FILING SYSTEM (ECFS)

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Acceleration of Broadband Deployment Expanding the Reach and Reducing the Cost of Broadband Deployment by Improving Policies Regarding Public Rights of Way and Wireless Facilities Siting, WC Docket No. 11-59; Implementing a Nationwide, Broadband Interoperable Public Safety Network in the 700 MHz Band, PS Docket No. 06-229; Petition for Declaratory Ruling regarding AT&T's U-Verse PEG Product, CSR-8126, MB Docket No. 09-13

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On June 14, 2012, NATOA's Executive Director Steve Traylor, Immediate Past President Ken Fellman, and Board Members Lori Sherwood and Barry Fraser met with Commissioner Ajit Pai, and advisors Courtney Reinhard and Gene Fullano to discuss issues of importance to local governments and their constituents. Among the issues we discussed was the delay by the Commission in acting on the pending petition for a declaratory ruling concerning the treatment of PEG channels and the regulatory status of AT&T's U-Verse system. We stated that if local governments are compelled to act on siting applications within a certain timeframe, the Commission, too, should act in a timely manner.

We also stated our satisfaction with working with the Commission on developing workshops to address issues that were raised in the rights-of-way and facilities siting Notice of Inquiry. We expressed our belief that the workshops and proposed efforts to develop best practices is a preferred method to resolving differences with industry rather than resorting to formal Commission action or litigation.

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Also discussed were some access problems experienced by local entities in the construction of BTOP-funded broadband projects; namely, delays by state governments in granting ROW access and the lack of pole attachment rights. This latter problem has resulted in increased deployment costs and changes to construction plans.

Finally, we spoke of NATOA's commitment to increased broadband deployment and adoption and expressed our willingness to assist the Commission in whatever ways we can to ensure that the benefits of advanced technology are available to all Americans. We also mentioned our continuing interest in ensuring a successful build-out of the nationwide public safety wireless broadband network.

Pursuant to Commission rules, please include a copy of this notice in the record for the proceedings noted above.

Sincerely,
/s/ Steve Traylor
Executive Director
NATOA

Cc: Commissioner Ajit Pai
Courtney Reinhard
Gene Fullano