



Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

August 22, 2012

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

Re: Consumer Information and Disclosure Public Notice CG Docket No. 09-158, CC Docket No. 98-170, WC Docket No. 04-36

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On August 21, 2012, representatives of broadband providers, public interest groups, companies, and other organizations met via conference call with Commission staff to discuss the Commission's 2012 broadband measurement and performance program in the ng Measurement Architecture Standardization and Outreach Group. The meeting focused on discussion of input on a draft document to submit to the Broadband Forum for review in the WT-304 study group. A full list of meeting attendees and the draft and comments received are attached to this filing.

Mr. Walter Johnston, Chief Electromagnetic Compatibility Division (EMCD), and James Miller, Senior Attorney Advisor EMCD opened the meeting describing the WT-304 submission deadline and two comments in response to the draft received from the National Cable and Telecommunications Association (NCTA) and Measurement Lab (M-Lab).

Mr. Henning Schulzrinne, FCC Chief Technologist, described the process and substance of standards development submissions and explained that various aspects of the comments focused on possible implementation or policy details and thus may not be appropriate for inclusion in submission at the current stage. Mr. Johnston walked through the comments of National Cable and Telecommunication Association (NCTA) and M-Lab and agreed to make changes to the document to clarify requirements for standards used in the Commission's Measuring Broadband America program. Meredith Whittaker, M-Lab, expressed the view that the document should have a specific section identifying the Commission's policy for openness and transparency and offered to provide text that was included with edits in a new section of the submitted draft.

Mr. Schulzrinne explained the upcoming September 24, 2012 deadline for submission to the Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF) for consideration at its fall meeting in Atlanta.

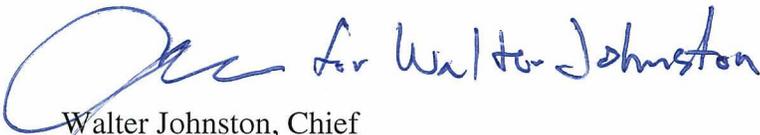
Participants discussed other possible standards organizations with which it may be valuable for the group to liaison. Commission staff noted that submission to the Broadband Forum would in no way preclude work with other groups and directed attention to the August 21, 2012 submission to Broadband Forum and September 24, 2012 IETF submissions as only the preliminary steps of a much longer effort that could involve other standards development organizations (SDO). Ms. Whittaker and Matt Mathias, M-Lab/Google, expressed concern that

researchers and academics unable to support the Broadband Forum membership fees would not be able to directly contribute to the review of the WT-304 effort, and suggested that forums that did not limit participation, such as the IETF, were the preferable venue for the Commission to focus attention.

Mr. Johnston and other participants discussed various opportunities for contributing to the development of standards implicated by the next generation effort, for example through the instant submission to the broadband forum. Commission staff explained that numerous SDO oversee various aspects of broadband technologies and thus no single group would be an appropriate venue for all diverse aspects of the broadband measurement efforts within the scope of the Commission's interest. Mr. Miller agreed to prepare a reference of current SDO activity identifying areas of focus and noting how interested academics could engage the standards effort.

The meeting concluded after extensive background discussion of the standards process and the processes of the Broadband Forum and IETF. Commission staff noted that it would circulate the revised Broadband Forum submission submitted for the 8 pm (EST) deadline.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Walter Johnston". The signature is stylized and written in a cursive-like font.

Walter Johnston, Chief
Electromagnetic Compatibility Division/OET

Attendees

Name	Organization
Ken Koh	Adtran
Jeb Benedict	Centurylink
Michael Bugenhagen	Centurylink
Alec MacDonell	FCC
Daniel Kirschner	FCC
Henning Schulzrinne	FCC
James Miller	FCC
Walter Johnston	FCC
Matt Mathias	Google
Meredith Whittaker	Google / M-Lab
Steve Morris	NCTA
Jim Partridge	NCTA
Thomas Gideon	New America Foundation / M-Lab
Alex Salter	SamKnows
David Young	Verizon

Appendix A

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