



February 12, 2013

Ex Parte Notice

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

Re: Modernizing the FCC Form 477 Data Program, WC Docket No. 11-10; Development of Nationwide Broadband Data to Evaluate Reasonable and Timely Deployment of Advanced Services to All Americans, Improvement of Wireless Broadband Subscriberhip Data, and Development of Data on Interconnected Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) Subscriberhip, WC Docket No. 07-38; Service Quality, Customer Satisfaction, Infrastructure and Operating Data Gathering, WC Docket No. 08-190; Review of Wireline Competition Bureau Data Practices, WC Docket No. 10-132

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On February 11, the undersigned, from NTCA, Derrick Owens and Eric Keber of the Western Telecommunications Alliance (WTA), Lori Keppler of Alpine Communications, William Squires of Blackfoot Communications, and Kevin McGuire of Enhanced Telecommunications Corporation, participated in a teleconference with Ellen Burton, Chelsea Fallon, Lisa Gelb, Travis Litman, Ken Lynch, Steve Rosenberg, and Carol Simpson of the Wireline Competition Bureau, and Mitali Shah and Susan Singer of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau.

Commission staff reviewed potential changes to the FCC Form 477, discussing whether shifting the collection of broadband deployment data from the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) to the FCC would cause carriers any concern. Staff also asked whether requiring carriers to distinguish between residential and non-residential services would significantly increase the reporting burden. Industry representatives indicated that under the current system it would likely double the overall data reporting burden. Commission staff mentioned a proposed new tool which would assist reporting carriers with geocoding could potentially alleviate some of these concerns. Finally, staff discussed the possibility of modifying the broadband speed tiers for which data is currently collected, possibly reducing the overall number of tiers and collecting more data on higher end speeds and less on the lower end.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, a copy of this letter is being filed via the Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS).

Sincerely,

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