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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: IP Transition, GN Docket No. 13-5

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On January 13, 2014, Jennifer McKee and Steve Morris of the National Cable & Telecommunications Association (NCTA) met with Commissioner Michael O’Rielly and his Wireline Legal Advisor, Amy Bender, to discuss the above-referenced proceeding.

NCTA explained that cable operators generally offer IP-based voice service today and that we are not opposed to the FCC initiating trials that would explore issues raised by the retirement of older TDM-based equipment by incumbent local exchange carriers (LECs). We explained that the primary interest of cable operators in this proceeding was to ensure that any transition undertaken by incumbent LECs does not disrupt the ability of cable operators to serve their customers, either from a technological or economic perspective.

NCTA also explained that it was important for the Commission to maintain the focus of this proceeding on the transition of voice services from TDM-based networks to IP-based networks. Broadband services have always been provided in IP format and thus there is no transition, and no need to consider new regulation, with respect to those services.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Steven F. Morris

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cc: M. O’Rielly
A. Bender