

January 16, 2014

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

*Via Electronic Filing*

**Re: GN Docket No. 13-5, *Technology Transitions Policy Task Force*  
GN Docket No. 12-353, *Communications Infrastructure***

Dear Ms. Dortch,

On Tuesday, January 14, 2014, a collection of consumer groups, competitive carriers, and competitive provider trade associations met with Chairman Tom Wheeler and his staff to discuss the Technology Transitions item on the tentative agenda for the Open Meeting on January 30, 2014.

The meeting participants and representatives were Marti Doneghy (**AARP**); Kevin Joseph (**Broadband Coalition**); Chip Pickering and Angie Kronenberg (**COMPTEL**); Sean Spivey (**CCA**); Kristine DeBry; Chris Murray and Chris Putala (for **Earthlink**); Julia Strow (EAS Consulting, and co-founder of **Cbeyond**); Matt Wood (**Free Press**); Roger Fleming (for **Integra Telecom**); Sarah Morris (**Open Technology Institute**); John Bergmayer (**Public Knowledge**); Kelsi Reeves (**tw telecom**); Eric Einhorn (**Windstream**); and Lisa Youngers (**XO Communications**).

Staff in attendance with Chairman Wheeler included Jonathan Sallet, Acting General Counsel; Gigi Sohn, Special Counsel for External Affairs to Chairman Wheeler; Daniel Alvarez, Chairman Wheeler's Wireline Advisor; Jonathan Chambers, Chief, OSP; Henning Schulzrinne, Chief Technologist; Kris Monteith, Acting Bureau Chief, CGB; Carol Matthey, Deputy Bureau Chief, WCB; and Patrick Halley, Acting Deputy Director of the Technology Transitions Policy Task Force.

The participants generally expressed their strong support for the Commission's recent focus on "Protecting Network Values," as the forthcoming coming open meeting item's caption connotes. We articulated the need for the Commission to focus on those values and—as always—on its statutory mandate. No matter the technology used, the Commission is charged with making the network work for everyone.

To that end, the Commission must fulfill its duty to promote competition and interconnection among service providers. That is the best way to promote advanced technologies, robust networks and functioning markets. It is also the best way to ensure that consumers, businesses, educational institutions, public safety providers, and all network users truly benefit from any technology evolution—with more innovation, more

competition, more affordable service options, and more reliable service offerings as technologies continue to improve.

We urged the Commission to move ahead expediently with consideration of the policy framework it should adopt to fulfill these principles. We also discussed the attached document, which further describes and articulates these shared values and the appropriate framework for this proceeding.

Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned should you have any questions regarding this submission.

Respectfully submitted,

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