



January 23, 2014

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

Re: *Ex Parte* disclosure pursuant to 47 CFR § 1.1206(b) in In the Matter of Technology Transitions Policy Task Force Regarding Potential Trials
GN Docket No. 13-5; In the Matter of Policies to Respond to the Ongoing Technological Transition of Voice Networks GN Docket No. 12-353

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On January 22 and 23, 2014, the following individuals met, some by telephone, with Rebekah Goodheart of Commissioner Clyburn's office and Christi Barnhart of Commissioner Rosenworcel's office respectively. Attending the meeting were: Corrine Yu, The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights [January 22 only]; Cheryl Leanza, United Church of Christ, OC Inc.; Hazeen Ashby [January 22 only] and Sean Mickens, National Urban League; Edward Carlson, National Council of La Raza; Jason Lagria, Asian Americans Advancing Justice | AAJC; Todd O'Boyle, Common Cause; Debbie Goldman, Communications Workers of America; Olivia Wein, National Consumer Law Center; and Michael Scurato, National Hispanic Media Coalition [January 23 only].

The group referenced the comments, attached, previously filed in this proceeding, focusing in particular on the need to collect data about the impact of the IP transition on vulnerable populations and on jobs. We strongly encouraged the Commission staff to ensure that any proposed trial would collect independently verified data on communities of color, women, low-income people, people with disabilities, and the other constituencies that The Leadership Conference represents. In particular, Ms. Goldman, emphasized the critical importance of including a provision that would including data collection on the jobs impact, specifically the job descriptions and the number of frontline jobs associated with the installation, maintenance, and servicing of the IP network. We encouraged the Commission to collect complaint data during any IP trials, and to ensure that it improves the consumer complaint process. Ms. Leanza suggested that the Commission require any proposed trial to identify a mechanism to collect data on vulnerable populations and to identify ways that the data collection could be conducted by third-parties. Ms. Wein asked whether individuals who choose to participate in a trial would be able to switch back to the previous technology if the new technology does not meet their needs. The group suggested national polling, like that conducted by the Commission in preparation of the National Broadband Plan, could be valuable in evaluating the IP transition. Ms.

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Leanza also strongly encouraged the commission to be as specific as possible in laying out what the carriers or others must include in their trial proposals. Filing comments on a variety of individual proposed trials is very resource intensive and would put a strain on the civil rights community and would likely lead to inconsistency in data collected across trials.

The group thanked Ms. Goodheart and Ms. Barnhart for their assistance and indicated that if they would like to follow up on any of the above issues or other issues of interest to The Leadership Conference, please contact Corrine Yu, Leadership Conference Managing Policy Director at 202-466-5670 or yu@civilrights.org or Cheryl Leanza at cleanza@alhmail.com or 202-904-2168.

Sincerely,



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