



The Internet Association

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

Re: Corrected Notice of Ex Parte Presentation, GN Docket No. 09-191, *Preserving the Open Internet*; GN Docket No. 10-127, *Framework for Broadband Internet Service*; WC Docket No. 07-52, *Broadband Industry Practices*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Wednesday, February 5, Gina Woodworth, Vice President of Policy and Governmental Affairs, The Internet Association, Markham Erickson, Partner, Steptoe & Johnson LLP and General Counsel to The Internet Association, and the undersigned met with FCC Acting General Counsel Jonathan Sallet, Ambassador Philip L. Verveer, Senior Counselor, and Stephanie Weiner, Associate General Counsel. In the meeting, The Internet Association made the following points:

- The Internet creates new jobs, new technologies, and new ways of communicating around the globe. Its “innovation without permission” ecosystem flows from a decentralized, open architecture and creates an environment for Internet users to access content without barriers. Yet, the continued success of this amazing platform should not be taken for granted. Threats to Internet freedom exist in the form of governments seeking to regulate the Internet or gatekeepers desiring to control access to the Internet. Verizon’s recent challenge to the FCC’s openness rules underscores this point.
- The D. C. Circuit held that while the FCC reasonably concluded that Verizon’s gatekeeper role of providing access to the Internet was a sufficient reason to regulate Verizon’s service, the rules were impermissible because only by classifying Verizon’s service as a common carriage service could the FCC prevent Verizon from discriminating.
- The Internet Association supports enforceable rules that preclude Internet access providers from using their gatekeeper positions to block or degrade access to content.
- The Internet Association supports transparency rules that require Internet access providers to provide information regarding their network management practices, performance, and the commercial terms of their broadband services.
- These rules should apply regardless of whether a user accesses the Internet from a wireline or fixed wireless broadband provider or from a mobile broadband provider.



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In accordance with the Commission's rules, this ex parte notice is being filed electronically in the above-referenced dockets.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Michael Beckerman

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cc: Jonathan Sallet
Philip Verveer
Stephanie Weiner