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Washington, D.C. 20554

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

Re: Notice of *Ex Parte* Communication, *Protecting and Promoting the Open Internet*,
GN Docket No. 14-28

On Thursday, September 11, 2014, I met with Sally Fineday, Business Manager of the Leech Lake Telecommunications Company LLC (“LLTC” or the “Company”), along with Irene Flannery and Karen Sprung of the Federal Communications Commission’s Office of Native Affairs and Policy, regarding the above-referenced proceeding.

During the meeting, Ms. Fineday identified harm to competition as a probable result, if the proposed Open Internet rules allow providers to engage in paid prioritization. As a small telecommunications company, LLTC will be unable to broker deals with content providers which would enable the Company to compete within their Tribal communities with larger companies that offer or plan to offer paid prioritization. LLTC is owned and operated by the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, a federally recognized Tribal Nation. Ms. Fineday urged the Commission to take action to accelerate broadband deployment by removing barriers to infrastructure investment and by promoting competition based on its 706 authority.

This letter is submitted pursuant to Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission’s rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b).

Respectfully submitted,

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cc: Sally Fineday (via email)