VIA ECFS

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W., Room TW-B204
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Ex Parte Notification
WC Docket Nos. 11-42, 09-197, 10-90
MB Docket No. 09-52
WT Docket No. 11-40, 10-208
PS Docket No. 09-14

October 6, 2015

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On August 26 and August 27, 2015, the FCC-Native Nations Broadband Task Force met with several members of the Commission and staff across many of the FCC’s Bureaus and Offices. This letter serves to notify the Commission that these meetings occurred.

Tribal Members of the FCC- Native Nations Broadband Task Force (Task Force) in attendance were:
  • Honorable Jefferson Keel, Lt. Governor, Chickasaw Nation, Task Force Co-Chair
  • Honorable Brian E. Davis, Sr., Council Member, Gila River Indian Community
  • Howard Brown, Tulalip Tribes
  • Godfrey Enjady, Mescalero Apache Tribe
  • Patrick Jackson, Hoopa Valley Tribe
  • Belinda Nelson, Gila River Indian Community
  • Matthew Rantanen, Pala Band of Mission Indians
  • Christina St. Germaine, Nez Perce Tribe
  • Dustin Stark, Choctaw Nation
  • Scot Stewart, Tanana Chiefs Conference

Commission Members of the Task Force in attendance were:
  • Geoffrey Blackwell, Chief, Office of Native Affairs and Policy, Task Force Co-Chair
  • Chad Breckinridge, Associate Bureau Chief, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau
  • Peter Doyle, Chief, Audio Division, Media Bureau
Irene Flannery, Deputy Chief, Office of Native Affairs and Policy, Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau
David Furth, Deputy Bureau Chief, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau
Trent Harkrader, Associate Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau
Robert Nelson, Chief Engineer, International Bureau
Thomas Reed, Director, Office of Communications Business Opportunities

Commissioners and Commission staff with whom the Task Force met were:
• Honorable Ajit Pai, Commissioner
• Alison Kutler, Acting Chief, Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau
• Sayuri Rajapakse, Senior Legal Advisor, Office of Native Affairs and Policy
• Daniel Margolis, Legal Advisor, Office of Native Affairs and Policy
• Janet Sievert, Legal Advisor, Office of Native Affairs and Policy
• Ryan Palmer, Chief, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau
• Alexander Minard, Deputy Division Chief, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau
• Garnet Hanley, Special Counsel, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau
• Jodie Griffin, Attorney Advisor, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau
• Heidi Lankau, Attorney Advisor, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau
• Thomas Nessinger, Attorney Advisor, Audio Division, Media Bureau
• Michael Ha, Deputy Chief, Policy and Rules Division, Office of Engineering and Technology
• Kalun Lee, Deputy Chief, Investigations and Hearings Division, Enforcement Bureau

At each meeting, Bureau and Office staff summarized the functionality of their office as well as how each Bureau and Office have a role in how the Commission impacts or interacts with Tribal governments. Numerous rulemakings and matters pending before the Commission were presented and discussed in meeting sessions over the two day period. These matters included:
• The 2015 Lifeline Reform Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking
• Universal Service Reform – Mobility Fund
• FCC Tower Siting and Historic Preservation Review Procedures
• The Tribal Priority in Commercial Full Power FM Broadcast Radio
• The 2011 Spectrum Over Tribal Lands Notice of Proposed Rulemaking
• Delivery of Broadband Connectivity via Satellite Services
• Emergency Communications and Net 911
Should you have any questions regarding the above, please do not hesitate to contact myself or any ONAP staff member. Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission’s rules, this letter is being filed electronically in the above referenced dockets.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Co-Chair, FCC-Native Nations Broadband Task Force