



April 18, 2017

Via ECFS

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

Re: Expanding the Economic and Innovation Opportunities of Spectrum Through Incentive Auctions, GN Docket No. 12-268; Amendment of Parts 15, 73 and 74 of the Commission's Rules to Provide for the Preservation of One Vacant Channel in the UHF Television Band for Use by White Space Devices and Wireless Microphones, MB Docket No. 15-146; Protecting and Promoting the Open Internet, Gen. Docket No. 14-28, WC Docket No. 16-106, CG Docket No. 02-278; FCC File No. SCL-LIC-20160525-00012.

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On April 14, 2017, Brad Smith, President and Chief Legal Officer, and Paula Boyd, Senior Director, Government and Regulatory Affairs both of Microsoft Corporation, spoke telephonically with Chairman Pai, and Rachael Bender his Acting Wireless Advisor. We discussed allocating sufficient spectrum for unlicensed broadband use in the 600 MHz and TV bands, Microsoft's support for net neutrality, and the pending submarine cable landing license application for the MAREA system (of which Microsoft is an owner and the cable landing party).

More specifically, Mr. Smith discussed the importance of designating at least three unlicensed channels in each market in the 600 MHz and television bands for broadband connectivity generally and in rural areas specifically, the state of television white spaces technology, and Microsoft's continued commitment to enabling the growth of unlicensed broadband in the band. He shared that Microsoft along with its broadband and other partners are using TV white spaces to bring high-speed internet access into the homes of previously unconnected students in rural Southern Virginia. This single project will serve 7,500 primary and secondary school students when the system is fully deployed. Mr. Smith also noted Microsoft's support for enforceable net neutrality rules and the importance of obtaining a timely license for its MAREA submarine cable.

Pursuant to the FCC's rules, I have filed a copy of this notice electronically in the above-referenced proceedings. If you require any additional information, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

/s/ Paula Boyd

Paula Boyd
*Sr. Director, Government and Regulatory Affairs
Microsoft Corporation*

cc: Rachael Bender