



July 24, 2015

Ms. Marlene Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Room TW-A325  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**RE: Ex parte filing in: Technology Transitions, GN Docket No. 13-5; Ensuring Customer Premises Equipment Backup Power for Continuity of Communications, PS Docket No. 14-174.**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On July 22, Jeffrey H. Smith (via telephone) and the undersigned from GVNW Consulting, Inc. (GVNW), Larry Thompson and Brian Bell from Vantage Point (via telephone) and Brian Ford of NTCA (the “rural representatives”) conducted an *ex parte* meeting with Nicholas Degani and Christine Bealer from Commissioner Pai’s office.

The *ex parte* meeting covered the Commission’s consideration of backup power requirements and the potential burdens this would create for small RLECs. In particular the discussion focused on the proposals made in the “FACT SHEET: Chairman Wheeler’s Proposals to Protect Consumers & Promote Competition and Public Safety in the Technology Transitions” released on July 10, 2015. The rural representatives emphasized that rules should be clear that any requirements should be forward-looking and should not require providers to retrofit current installations.

As required by the Commission’s rules, this *ex parte* record is now filed in the above referenced docket. If there are any questions, please call me on 202-236-3947.

Respectfully submitted,

Via ECFS 7/24/15

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