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Pursuant to Rule 8.4 of the California Public Utilities Commission Rules of Practice and Procedure, Comcast Corporation ("Comcast") submits this Notice of the following oral *ex parte* communication in the above-referenced proceeding.

On February 24, 2015, Philip Arndt, Director of Government Affairs for Comcast Cable Corporation, participated on a panel at a Valley Vision Broadband Solutions Meeting: *Do you dig the gig? Let's talk speed for the future of everything*. This was a "Connected Capital Area" Broadband Consortium meeting held in Sacramento, California, and there were approximately 25 to 30 attendees. Immediately prior to Mr. Arndt's panel discussion, Commissioner Catherine J.K. Sandoval spoke at the event. Commissioner Sandoval remained at the event and observed the first fifteen minutes of Mr. Arndt's panel, from 10:20 to 10:35 a.m. During that portion of

the panel, Mr. Arndt and the other panelists introduced themselves, and Mr. Arndt stated that

Comcast is a partner with Valley Vision on the "Connected Capital Area" Broadband

Consortium. He also mentioned that Comcast is a leader in high-speed Internet and next-

generation television. In response to a panel question, Mr. Arndt explained that the continually

increasing amount of information sent through technology is one cause for the need for more

broadband capacity. The agenda for the meeting, which includes a list of Mr. Arndt's co-

panelists, is attached.

Although it is unclear whether an ex parte notice needs to be filed in this instance given

the nature of the communication, we are submitting this filing out of an abundance of caution.

Respectfully submitted,

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Broadband Solutions Meeting: Do you dig the gig?
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"Connected Capital Area" Broadband Consortium
Full Convening / Steering Committee Meeting
Tuesday, February 24, 2015
9:00AM to 12:00PM

Hacker Lab - 1715 | Street, Sacramento, CA 95811

### **Meeting Objectives:**

Being the last convening under the current grant, we will be:

- Reporting on and celebrating regional accomplishments.
- Setting forth the region's "Unfinished Broadband Agenda" for closing the digital literacy gap and ensuring that our region is truly connected with this vital 21<sup>st</sup> century infrastructure.
- Profiling innovative projects from California and nationally to inspire regional leaders to continue the important work of the Consortium, especially to advance next generation strategies for a gigabit future.
- 1. **Registration & Networking** *Coffee and continental breakfast provided*

9:00 - 9:30 AM

- 2. **CCABC & The Future What's Next on the Agenda?** 9:30 9:45 AM Jodi Mulligan, CCABC Project Manager: *Report out from the consortia: Next Century Cities discussion, new Financing Tools*
- 3. California Public Utilities Commission Update/Opportunities 9:45 10:05 AM

Commissioner Catherine Sandoval, CPUC: What's on the horizon? How can our region partner with the California Public Utilities Commission as we move to our next phase of implementation?

### 4. Panel Discussion: Our Gigabit Future

10:05 - 11:05 AM

Why do we need to be a gigabit region? Why do we need to think big? What is on the horizon for your service as a provider or your needs as a consumer?

Moderator: Meg Arnold, Valley Vision

#### Panel:

- Philip Arndt, Director of Government Affairs, Comcast
- Eric Brown, Executive Director, California Telehealth Network
- Patrick Dosier, Agronomist, TransValley AgTech
- Gina Lujan, Founder/Director/CEO, Hacker Lab
- Mike Puckett, Manager of Strategic Accounts, Wave Communications
- David Sander, Vice-Mayor, City of Rancho Cordova

## 5. Innovative Projects

11:05 - 11:40 AM

- Michael Ort, President & CEO, Praxis Associates, Inc.
   Digital 395
- John Paul, CEO, Spiral Internet Nevada County Connected

## 6. The Journey Ahead

11:40 - Noon

Sunne Wright McPeak, President and CEO, California Emerging Technology Fund