# IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CIRCUIT

UNITED STATES TELECOM	)	
ASSOCIATON, et al.	)	
Petitioners,	)	
	)	Case No. 15-1063 (and
V.	)	consolidated cases)
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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS	)	
COMMISSION and UNITED STATES	)	
OF AMERICA,	)	
	)	
Respondents.	)	

### MOTION FOR LEAVE TO INTERVENE

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2348, 47 U.S.C. § 402(e), Rule 15(d) of the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure, and D.C. Circuit Rule 15(b), Free Press hereby moves for leave to intervene as a matter of right in the above-captioned case, and consolidated cases, in support of Respondents Federal Communications Commission ("FCC" or "Commission") and United States of America. Free Press understands that its motion to intervene in this case will also be deemed a motion to intervene in the cases *Alamo Broadband Inc. v. FCC*, D.C. Circuit Case No. 15-1078, *National Cable and Telecommunications Association v. FCC*, D.C. Circuit Case No. 15-1091, *AT&T Inc. v.* FCC, D.C. Circuit Case No. 15-1092, *American Cable Association v. FCC*, D.C. Circuit Case No. 15-1092, *American Cable Association v. FCC*, D.C. Circuit Case No. 1095, *Century Link v.* FCC, D.C.

Circuit Case No. 15-1099, *Wireless Internet Service Providers Association v.* FCC, D.C. Circuit Case No. 15-1117, *Daniel Berninger v. FCC*, D.C. Circuit Case No. 15-1128, because all of the foregoing cases concern direct review of the same agency order.

Petitioners seek review of the FCC's final "Report and Order on Remand,

Declaratory Ruling, and Order" in the proceeding captioned *In the Matter of Protecting and Promoting the Open Internet*, GN Docket No. 14-28 (FCC No. 1524) (rel. March 12, 2015) ("*Order*").

In that *Order*, the FCC duly followed the directives of this Court in *Verizon v. FCC*, 740 F.3d 623 (D.C. Cir. 2014), lawfully reclassified broadband Internet access service as a telecommunications service, and adopted rules to protect free expression and innovation on the Internet and to promote competition and investment in the nation's broadband networks.

Free Press is eligible to intervene in this proceeding. As a national, nonpartisan, nonprofit organization, Free Press works to increase informed public participation in crucial communications policy debates through education, organizing, and advocacy. To this end, Free Press has actively participated in the *Protecting and Promoting the Open Internet* proceeding. Moreover, Free Press represents members who would be adversely affected by a reversal of the *Order* because their activities or businesses depend on access to an open Internet.

Additionally, Free Press relies on an open Internet to communicate with its members, activists, allies and the public in furtherance of its mission. Therefore, Free Press's interest will be substantially affected by the Court's review of the Commission's *Order*. Free Press is thus a "party in interest in the proceeding" entitled to intervene "as of right" in this matter. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 2348; 47 U.S.C. § 402(e).

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#### **CERTIFICATE AS TO PARTIES**

Pursuant to D.C. Circuit Rule 27(a)(4) and D.C. Circuit Rule 28(a)(1)(A), Free Press hereby certifies the following:

In case No. 15-1063, the Petitioner is United States Telecom Association and the Respondents are the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") and the United States of America. Movant Free Press seeks leave to appear in the matter as an Intervenor in support of Respondents FCC and United States of America. Movants to Intervene on behalf of the FCC include Public Knowledge, the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, Kickstarter, Inc., Meetup, Inc., Tumblr, Inc., Union Square Ventures, LLC, Vimeo, LLC, Etsy, Inc., Level 3 Communications, LLC, DISH Network Corporation, COMPTEL, Netflix, Inc., Cogent Communications, Inc., and the National Association of State Utility

Consumer Advocates. The Independent Telephone and Telecommunications

Alliance has moved to intervene in support of Petitioner CenturyLink. No amici
have appeared before this Court.

In Case No. 15-1078, the Petitioner is Alamo Broadband Inc. The Respondents are the FCC and the United States of America.

In Case No. 15-1090, the Petitioner is the National Cable & Telecommunications Association. The Respondents are the FCC and the United States of America.

In Case No. 15-1091, the Petitioner is CTIA—The Wireless Association.

The Respondents are the FCC and the United States of America.

In Case No. 15-1092, the Petitioner is AT&T Inc. The Respondents are the FCC and the United States of America.

In Case No. 15-1095, the Petitioner is the American Cable Association. The Respondents are the FCC and the United States of America.

In Case No. 15-1099, the Petitioner is CenturyLink. The Respondents are the FCC and the United States of America.

In Case No. 15-1117, the Petitioner is the Wireless Internet Service

Providers Association. The Respondents are the FCC and the United States of

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In Case No. 15-1128, the Petitioner is Daniel Berninger. The Respondents are the FCC and the United States of America.

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### CORPORATE DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Pursuant to Rule 26.1 of the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure and D.C. Circuit Rule 26.1, Free Press submits the following corporate disclosure statement.

Free Press is a national, nonpartisan, nonprofit organization. Free Press has no parent corporations, and no publicly held company has a 10% or greater ownership in Free Press.

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I, Matthew F. Wood, certify that on this 13th day of May, 2015, I filed the foregoing Motion to Intervene and Corporate Disclosure Statement electronically with the Clerk of the Court for the United States Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit by using the CM/ECF system. Participants listed below, who are registered CM/ECF users, will be served by the CM/ECF system. Parties who are not registered CM/ECF users will be served by U.S. Mail.

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