



Wireless
Infrastructure
Association

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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Notice of *Ex Parte* Communication, Accelerating Wireless Broadband Deployment by Removing Barriers to Infrastructure Investment, WT Docket No. 17-79; Accelerating Wireline Broadband Deployment by Removing Barriers to Infrastructure Investment, WC Docket No. 17-84

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On October 03, 2018, Jonathan Adelstein and Matt Mandel of the Wireless Infrastructure Association (WIA)¹ and some members of the WIA Board of Directors or their representatives (see attachment A) met with Commissioner Michael O’Rielly and Brooke Ericson and Kagen Despain of his staff, and Commissioner Jessica Rosenworcel and Umair Javed of her staff. Jonathan Adelstein, Matt Mandel and the above referenced WIA Board Members, except for David Weisman, also met with Chairman Ajit Pai and Rachel Bender from his staff.

Consistent with comments and *ex parte* letters in the above-captioned proceedings, WIA commended the Commissioners for approving the Federal Communications Commission’s (Commission) recent Declaratory Ruling and Third Report and Order and urged the Commissioners to support additional items that address the wireless

¹ The Wireless Infrastructure Association (WIA) is the principal organization representing companies that build, design, own, and manage telecommunications facilities throughout the world. WIA’s members include carriers, infrastructure providers, and professional services firms.

infrastructure deployment issues raised in WIA's recent *ex partes*.² Taking these significant steps will accelerate 5G deployment.

WIA asked the Commission to harmonize the differing rules that apply to compound expansions. WIA noted that its members continue to face regulatory hurdles when applying for Eligible Facilities Requests (EFRs) under Section 6409 of the Spectrum Act (Section 6409). WIA emphasized the importance for the FCC to correct the misinterpretations of Section 6409 and the Commission's previous infrastructure streamlining decisions.³ In addition, WIA discussed the importance of these additional steps, particularly the need for compound expansion, to facilitate the FirstNet buildout. During the meeting, WIA Board Members presented a compound plan for a wireless facility, which is provide in attachment B.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, a copy of this letter will be filed via ECFS and provided to each participant. Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned with any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

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² See Letter from Sade Dada, Wireless Infrastructure Association, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC, WT Docket No. 17-79, WC Docket No. 17-84 (filed Sep. 10, 2018); Comments of WIA, WT Docket No. 17-79, WC Docket No. 17-84 (filed Jun. 15, 2017), *available at* <https://bit.ly/2te5InI>; see also Reply Comments of the WIA, WT Docket No. 17-79, WC Docket No. 17-84 (filed Jul. 17, 2017) *available at* <https://bit.ly/2lathIA>.

³See, e.g., Letter from Sade Dada, Wireless Infrastructure Association, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC, WT Docket No. 17-79, WC Docket No. 17-84 (filed Sept. 10, 2018) at 2-3.

cc: The Honorable Michael O'Rielly
The Honorable Jessica Rosenworcel
The Honorable Ajit Pai