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VIA ELECTRONICALLY ONLY

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

RE: Ex Parte Notice in WP Docket No. 16-261

Dear Ms. Dortch,

This is to inform you that, on April 12, 2019, in connection with the above-referenced proceeding, and on behalf of Iota Communications, Barclay Knapp, CEO, Jeff Downs, SVP for Spectrum & Corporate Development, and I had a phone conversation with Charles Mathias, Scot Stone, and Roger Noel of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau.

During the conversation, we discussed the Commission's plans for releasing the 800 MHz SMR category Expansion Band (EB) and Guard Band (GB) channels, including various methodologies to ensure rapid deployment of the narrowband channels. Mr. Knapp noted that the first-in-time methodology, used by the FACs in processing prior EB and GB channel releases, is well known to the FACs and will thus lead to rapid deployment of under-utilized spectrum. Mr. Knapp and Mr. Downs also noted that, while instances of mutual exclusivity will arise with the next release, they will be manageable in number and addressable through negotiation, as has been the case in prior releases.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at the number shown above.

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Best regards,

A handwritten signature in brown ink, appearing to read "J. Lilley". The signature is stylized with large loops and a trailing flourish.

Justin W. Lilley
President

Cc: Charles Mathias
Scot Stone
Roger Noel