

August 14, 2017

**SUBMITTED ELECTRONICALLY VIA ECFS**

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary

Federal Communications Commission

445 12th Street, NW

Washington, DC 20554

Re: **Report of Oral *Ex Parte* Presentation**

*WT Docket No. 17-79, Accelerating Wireless Broadband Deployment by Removing Barriers to Infrastructure Investment*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On August 10, 2017, Roger Sherman (Waneta Strategies), Bill Hackett and David Crawford (T-Mobile), and I met with Suzanne Tetreault, Garnet Hanly, Paul D’Ari, Aaron Goldschmidt, and Mary Claire York of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau regarding issues raised in the above referenced proceeding.

During the meeting, we discussed challenges associated with a planned small cell deployment in and around Houston, Texas. Specifically, we explained that if the companies followed standard Tower Construction Notification System (TCNS) practices, tribal fees would represent a disproportionately high percentage of the total cost for the project. Crown Castle and T-Mobile noted that they identified this situation in comments and reply comments filed in the above-referenced docket and hope that the Commission resolves this and similar issues when it takes action in that proceeding.

Given pressing network deployment timelines and burgeoning consumer demand, however, the companies noted that they cannot wait until resolution of the proceeding to address this concern and sought feedback on steps that they or the FCC might take to facilitate the Houston project.

Pursuant to Section 1.106 of the Commission’s rules, a copy of this letter has been submitted in the record of the above referenced proceeding and a copy has been provided by e-mail to the Commission staff with whom we spoke.

Sincerely,

*/s/ Monica Gambino*

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