



August 24, 2016

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

Re: Notice of *Ex Parte* Communication, PS Docket No. 15-91,
Wireless Emergency Alerts, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 31
FCC Rcd 594 (2016).

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On August 16, 2016, James Wiley, Attorney Advisor, Policy and Licensing Division, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau (PSHSB), Federal Communications Commission, spoke via telephone with Patricia Higginbotham, General Counsel, Telecommunications Industry Association (TIA).¹ Mr. Wiley contacted Ms. Higginbotham regarding the development of technical standards relating to Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA).

After a brief discussion of the background regarding the development of the WEA standards, Mr. Wiley asked about the time, resources, number of volunteers, engineering committee meeting frequency, and other factors that drive overall costs associated with the development and modification of standards. Ms. Higginbotham responded that, due to wide variance in the complexity of the subject matters, nature of the issues to be addressed, frequency of engineering committee meetings, scope of interested company and agency participants, and other factors, it is difficult to estimate the potential costs. These factors shape the unique nature of each standards development or modification process and impact the overall costs.

¹ TIA is a Washington, DC-based trade association and American National Standards Institute (ANSI)-accredited standards developer that represents the global information and communications technology (“ICT”) manufacturer, vendor, and supplier community. TIA represents approximately 350 participating companies producing products and services empowering communications in every industry and market, including healthcare, education, security, public safety, transportation, government, and the military, the environment, and entertainment. See <http://tiaonline.org/>.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules,² this letter is being electronically filed via ECFS and a copy of this submission is being provided electronically to the meeting attendees.

Respectfully submitted,

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² See 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206.