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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

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

Re: Ex Parte Letter, *Accelerating Wireless/Wireline Broadband Deployment by Removing Barriers to Infrastructure Investment*, WT Docket No. 17-79, WC Docket No. 17-84; *Streamlining Deployment of Small Cell Infrastructure*, WT Docket No. 16-421; *Promoting Investment in the 3550-3700 MHz Band*, GN Docket No. 17-258; *Expanding Flexible Use of the 3.7 GHz to 4.2 GHz Band*, GN Docket No. 18-122; *Use of Spectrum Bands Above 24 GHz for Mobile Radio Services*, GN Docket No. 14-177, WT Docket No. 10-112.

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On September 18 and 19, 2018, Meredith Attwell Baker, CTIA President and CEO, along with Scott Bergmann and Kara Graves of CTIA, met separately with Chairman Ajit Pai and Commissioners Brendan Carr, Michael O’Rielly, and Jessica Rosenworcel to discuss the above-captioned proceedings. A full list of attendees at each meeting is attached to this filing.

During the meetings, CTIA applauded the Commission for taking a critical step in the draft Wireless Infrastructure Declaratory Ruling and Third Report and Order to promote job creation and economic growth by setting national guidelines for states and municipalities that reflect and are designed to promote the wireless networks of the 21st century.¹ CTIA explained that, in order to ensure 5G leadership, it is essential that the Commission modernize siting rules to allow the accelerated deployment of new wireless networks and small cells. The Draft Order and Ruling gives

¹ *Accelerating Wireless Broadband Deployment by Removing Barriers to Infrastructure Investment; Accelerating Wireline Barriers to Broadband Deployment by Removing Barriers to Infrastructure Investment*, Declaratory Ruling and Third Report and Order, WT Docket No. 17-79, WC Docket No. 17-84, FCC-CIRC1809-02 (draft rel. Sept. 5, 2018) (“Draft Order and Ruling”).



the Commission the opportunity to establish a modernized, national policy framework for small cell deployment that accommodates state and local interests while facilitating the roll-out of advanced wireless connectivity to more communities more quickly.

Consistent with our filings in these proceedings,² CTIA highlighted that the Draft Order and Ruling will further speed deployment and reduce siting costs. The Commission's approach also builds from valuable lessons learned in the 20 states that have taken forward-thinking steps to modernize their infrastructure siting policies. And importantly, updating the nationwide framework for wireless facility deployment, including for small wireless facilities in particular, will accelerate investment to the benefit of our economy, businesses, and consumers without undermining the important role that states and localities play in the siting process. CTIA therefore urged the Commission to adopt the Draft Order and Ruling.

Also during the meetings, CTIA applauded the Commission for scheduling five high-band auctions in the next year and taking steps to facilitate access to critical mid-band spectrum for next-generation connectivity. These efforts, particularly when coupled with modernizing infrastructure siting policies, will provide a dramatic boost to our nation's 5G-readiness.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(a) of the Commission's rules, a copy of this letter is being electronically submitted into the record of these proceedings and provided to the Commission participants. Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned with any questions.

Sincerely,

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² See, e.g., Letter from Meredith Attwell Baker, President and CEO, CTIA, to Chairman Ajit Pai and FCC Commissioners, WT Docket No. 17-79, *et al.* (filed Sept. 18, 2018).



Attachment

Meeting with Office of Chairman Ajit Pai – September 19, 2018

Chairman Ajit Pai
Rachael Bender – Wireless and International Advisor
Meredith Attwell Baker – CTIA President and CEO
Scott Bergmann – CTIA Senior Vice President, Regulatory Affairs

Meeting with Office of Commissioner Michael O’Rielly – September 19, 2018

Commissioner Michael O’Rielly
Erin McGrath – Wireless, Public Safety, and International Legal Advisor
Meredith Attwell Baker – CTIA President and CEO
Scott Bergmann – CTIA Senior Vice President, Regulatory Affairs

Meeting with Office of Commissioner Brendan Carr – September 18, 2018

Commissioner Brendan Carr
Will Adams – Legal Advisor
Meredith Attwell Baker – CTIA President and CEO
Scott Bergmann – CTIA Senior Vice President, Regulatory Affairs
Kara Graves – CTIA Director, Regulatory Affairs

Meeting with Office of Commissioner Jessica Rosenworcel – September 18, 2018

Commissioner Jessica Rosenworcel
Umair Javed – Wireless and International Legal Advisor
Meredith Attwell Baker – CTIA President and CEO
Scott Bergmann – CTIA Senior Vice President, Regulatory Affairs