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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, *Secretary*
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

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In re 911 Governance and Accountability; Improving 911 Reliability;
PS Docket Nos. 14-193 & 13-75.

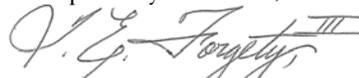
Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Friday, October 2nd, 2015, individuals representing the undersigned public- and private-sector 9-1-1 stakeholders (“Stakeholders”) met with the following FCC staff from the Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau: RADM David Simpson, Eric Schmidt, Tim May, Dana Zelman, David Siehl, and Peter Shroyer, and Michael Connolly (by telephone). Present for the Stakeholders were: Brian Fontes, CEO, NENA; Anthony Jones, Director, USTelecom; Tim Lorello, iCERT representative and Senior Vice President, TCS; Donald Brittingham, iCERT representative and Vice President, Verizon; and Kim Scovill, iCERT representative and Vice President, Intrado. Additionally, the following individuals participated by telephone: George Rice, Executive Director, iCERT; Roger Hixson, Technical Issues Director, NENA; Evelyn Bailey, Executive Director, NASNA; Richard Muscat, Director, Regulatory Affairs, Texas 9-1-1 Alliance; Patrick Tyler, General Counsel, CSEC; and Craig Donaldson, iCERT representative and Senior Vice President, Intrado.

During this meeting the Stakeholders briefly reiterated their goals of: collaborating with the Commission and other industry stakeholders in this proceeding; seeking alternatives; and offering specific suggestions consistent with the Commission’s articulated Policy Statement framework for the transition to Next Generation 9-1-1 (“NG9-1-1”). The Stakeholders provided the Commission with an update on the group’s progress. A discussion of several 9-1-1-related policy topics ensued including: impacts of differing 9-1-1 systems and contractual arrangements from one jurisdiction to another; changing roles and responsibilities in an NG9-1-1 ecosystem; the importance of GIS systems for NG9-1-1; and the importance of Standards in making multiple systems interoperable. Additionally, the Stakeholders shared their high-level views on content they will likely include in a “Considerations & Proposed Actions” document to be supplied to the Commission at a later date. A discussion ensued regarding: clarification and education of NG9-1-1 terms and concepts; examination of changing roles and responsibilities of entities supporting 9-1-1 services; establishment of “best practices” to promote prompt resolution of 9-1-1 outages; improvement of standards to facilitate NG9-1-1 implementation; and development of future work initiatives. Finally, the Stakeholders explained their iterative process and reiterated their commitment to submit that document to the Commission in the coming weeks.

Please contact the undersigned with any questions.

Respectfully submitted,


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