

October 30, 2015

EX PARTE

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

Re: *Facilitating the Deployment of Text-to-911 and Other Next Generation 911 Applications*, PS Docket No. 11-153; *Framework for Next Generation 911 Deployment*, PS Docket No. 10-255.

Dear Ms. Dortch:

The Alaska Wireless Network, LLC (“AWN”), by submission of this letter, confirms that it will be in compliance with its Text-to-911 obligations by December 31, 2015.

AWN filed a petition for waiver on December 31, 2014, asking the Commission to waive Section 20.18(n)(10)(i) of its Rules to permit AWN additional time to implement a workable solution for text-to-911 location and routing.¹ In that petition, AWN noted that, though it had been working with two text-to-911 vendors for several months, neither vendor was able to implement location and routing for texts sent to 911 on LTE networks deployed alongside GSM/UMTS technology.² AWN requested an additional year to meet the text-to-911 readiness obligation in order to allow it to ensure that its chosen text-to-911 vendor would be able to resolve the LTE location issue.³

AWN is pleased to inform the Commission that AWN entered into a contract with TCS earlier this month. TCS has confirmed to AWN that AWN will be able to respond to any PSAP request for text-to-911 service within six months. AWN wishes to note that, to date, no Alaska PSAP has requested text-to-911 service.

¹ Petition for Waiver of the Alaska Wireless Network, LLC, PS Docket Nos. 11-153 & 10-255 (Dec. 31, 2014).

² *Id.* at 2.

³ *Id.* at 5.

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Please contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

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