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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Magalie R. Salas, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
1919 M Street, NW, Room 222  
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: Notice of oral *ex parte* communication  
AMTA Petition for Rulemaking – Promotion of Spectrum Efficient  
Technologies – RM 9332  
Development of SMR Systems in the 800 MHZ Frequency Band – PR Docket  
No. 93-144  
Universal Licensing System – WT Docket No. 98-20  
Replacement of Part 90 by Part 88 – PR Docket No. 92-235 /**

To the Secretary:

On October 28, 1998, the American Mobile Telecommunications Association, Inc. ("AMTA," the Association) made an oral *ex parte* communication in the above-referenced proceedings to D'wana Terry, Chief, Public Safety and Private Wireless Division of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, and Herb Zeiler, Deputy Chief. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the status of the above proceedings, and to discuss the Bureau's plans in dealing with the Petition for Rulemaking.

AMTA outlined its priorities concerning work in progress by the Division: first, an examination of the UHF trunking rules in line with Supplemental Comments in the "refarming" proceeding filed by the Land Mobile Communications Council; second, the Association's anticipation of a *Notice of Proposed Rulemaking* concerning implementation of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 in the private land mobile frequency bands; and third, consideration of AMTA's Petition for Rulemaking.

The Association also noted its concerns over the future growth of small business wireless systems, and re-stated its preference for smaller channel blocks in the upcoming auction of lower-band 800 MHZ SMR licenses. This position is fully outlined in AMTA's Petition for Reconsideration of the *Second Report and Order* in PR Docket No. 93-144. Finally, the Association sought clarification of rules concerning mandatory

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use of the Universal Licensing System by CMRS and PMRS licensees on various frequency bands.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's Rules and Regulations, 47 C.F.R. § 1206(b), two copies of this Notice are being provided for each proceeding discussed.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jill M. Lyon", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Jill M. Lyon

Vice President for Regulatory Relations

cc: D'wana Terry, Division Chief  
Herb Zeiler, Deputy Chief