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Ms. Magalie R. Salas, Esq.
Secretary
The Federal Communications Commission
Room 222
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D. C. 20554

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Dear Ms. Salas:

This letter concerns a telephone conversation regarding a planned Technology Forum to be presented by the Office of Engineering and Technology and the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau on 28 June 1999. This report is made in conformance with 47 CFR Parts 0 and 1 [GC Docket No. 95-21; FCC 97-92], *Ex Parte Presentations in Commission Proceedings*.

The conversation was initiated at the suggestion of Mr. Gus Grant, Chairman of *METROCOM.COM, Inc.* with Ms. Rebecca Dorch, Deputy Chief, OET, at the time of Ms. Dorch's selection - 10:30 am, 8 June 1999. The purpose of the call was to inform the office about *METROCOM.COM, Inc.* and the company's technology, and to discuss the desirability of including *METROCOM* in the "Network-Based Providers" Panel in the upcoming Wireless Technology Forum on Enhanced 911, planned by the Office of Engineering and Technology with the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau. Mr. Grant's and my impression was, and is, that the Forum would be a public, educational presentation, rather than a hearing, rulemaking, or judicial proceeding. The notice has only recently become available and a copy is enclosed.

At the end of the conversation, Ms. Dorch told Mr. Grant that "*ex parte* rules apply." As a result, Mr. Grant called me later that day and directed me to call Ms. Dorch and determine what documents we were to file; that is, if there would be a document to be filed in addition to the comments due on 17 June. I called Ms. Dorch then and every day afterward, leaving a message fully explaining our question. On Friday afternoon, Ms. Dorch called me and explained that a report on the *ex parte* conversation was required. I assured Ms. Dorch I would proceed forthwith to comply and submit this statement.

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On Monday, 14 June 1999, I sent a letter (copy enclosed) by delivery to Mr. Christopher J. Wright, General Counsel, Federal Communications Commission advising him that the report was delayed due to a family medical emergency of Mr. Grant, and submitted a report (copy enclosed) of all facts known to me at that time. Since then, I am informed by Mr. William Wolf, a Corporate Director and Chief Technology Officer (a participant in the subject conference call), that he is prepared to submit a report on behalf of *METROCOM*. It happened that a conference call of the Board was already taking place when the conference call was made and since Mr. Wolfe was recording the company's own conference, the conference call with the FCC was included in that recording.

At this time, the tape is being transcribed for immediate submission to you. At this time, I expect to deliver the transcript to your office Thursday, 17 June 1999. Mr. Wolfe will make a copy of the tape and it will be provided to you as well. Please advise me of any other steps which ought to be taken to ensure complete compliance with the Commission's Rule: *Ex Parte Presentations in Commission Proceedings 47 CFR Parts 0 and 1 [GC Docket No. 95-21; FCC 97-92]*.

Thank you for your kind attention and consideration

Sincerely,

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cc: Mr. Christopher J. Wright
General Counsel

Enclosures

1. Letter to Mr. Wright 13 June 1999
with accompanying report
[three(3) pages]
2. FCC Public Notice DA 99-1141
[two (2) pages]



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TECHNICAL ROUNDTABLE ON IMPLEMENTATION OF AUTOMATIC LOCATION IDENTIFICATION ("ALI") FOR ENHANCED 911 ("E911") TECHNOLOGIES TO BE HELD JUNE 28, 1999

CC Docket No. 94-102

The Commission's Office of Engineering and Technology, in cooperation with the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, will host a roundtable discussion of the technical issues involved in the implementation of the performance and accuracy standards for Phase II Automatic Location Identification ("ALI") technologies to be deployed as part of Enhanced 911 ("E911") service beginning October 1, 2001.¹

Date/Time: Monday, June 28, 1999
1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Location: Federal Communications Commission
Commission Meeting Room
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D. C. 20554

Participants for the technical roundtable will be invited from the various industries involved with the provision of E911 location service, particularly technical representatives or Chief Technical Officers ("CTOs") of those companies developing location determination technologies. Details regarding the participants and specific issues to be discussed will be provided in a subsequent public notice. Parties interested in having a technical representative

¹ Section 20.18 of the Commission's rules, which requires wireless carriers to provide for all 911 calls the geographic location of the caller by longitude and latitude within an accuracy of 125 meters using a Root Mean Square ("RMS") methodology, was adopted in 1996. 47 U.S.C. § 20.18. See Revision of the Commission's Rules to Ensure Compatibility with Enhanced 911 Emergency Calling Systems, CC Docket No. 94-102, Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 11 FCC Rcd 18676 (1996) ("*First Report and Order and E911 Second NPRM*"), recon., 12 FCC Rcd 22665 (1997) ("*E911 Reconsideration Order*"), further recon. pending. See also, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Requests Targeted Comment on Wireless E-911 Phase II Automatic Location Identification Requirements, Public Notice, DA 99-1049, rel. June 1, 1999.

participate may contact the staff listed below. Parties interested in submitting technical questions or issues for consideration at the roundtable should provide them to the staff listed below by June 17, 1999. We anticipate the roundtable discussion will lead to better understanding of ALI technologies and assist the Commission in its responsibilities to oversee implementation of enhanced 911 services. The transcript of the roundtable discussion will become part of the record in the above-referenced docket.

Attendance at this technical roundtable is open to the public. Seating will be available on a first come, first-served basis. The real-time audio portion of the roundtable will be available via the FCC Internet Audio Broadcast Home Page. Instructions and information regarding the equipment and software needed to access RealAudio are available on the FCC Internet Audio Broadcast Home Page at www.fcc.gov/realaudio. The audio will also be available in the Commission's RealAudio archives on completion of the meeting, at the same Home Page. Audio and video tapes of the roundtable may also be purchased from Infocus, 331 Victory Drive, Herndon, VA 20170, by calling Infocus at (703) 834-0100 or by FAXing a request to Infocus at (703) 834-0111.

For additional information contact: Charles Iseman, Office of Engineering and Technology, Electromagnetic Compatibility Division, Room 7-A363, (202) 418-2444, ciseman@fcc.gov.

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