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Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

**Re: Ex Parte Presentation
CC Docket No. 97-213
(Communications Assistance for Law Enforcement Act)**

Dear Ms. Salas:

Personal
Communications
Industry
Association

On Tuesday, April 11, 2000, the Personal Communications Industry Association (PCIA), represented by Rob Hoggarth and Todd Lantor, and Ben Ederington, counsel to PCIA, met with Ari Fitzgerald of the Office of Chairman William Kennard, regarding the above-referenced proceeding.

For the past couple of years, PCIA has been working closely with law enforcement toward a cooperative implementation of CALEA. At yesterday's meeting, representatives from PCIA informed Mr. Fitzgerald of the Department of Justice's and the Federal Bureau of Investigation's willingness to support "fast-track" extensions for the paging and messaging industries, consistent with an agreed-upon phased implementation schedule. The parties also discussed the role the Commission could play in facilitating the "fast-track" extension process, including the possibility of issuing a bulk extension of the CALEA compliance date for various sectors of the telecommunications industry, including the paging and messaging industries. An overview of the agreement between PCIA and the FBI is attached.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's Rules, one original and one copy of this letter are being filed with your office. If you have any questions regarding this filing, please feel free to contact me at (703) 739-0300.

Sincerely,



Todd B. Lantor
Director – Government Relations
Personal Communications Industry Association

Cc: Ari Fitzgerald

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Attachment 1:

FBI-PCIA "Fast Track" Extension Process

1. Background:

- The paging industry (represented by PCIA) and the Department of Justice (represented by the Federal Bureau of Investigation) have cooperated closely in implementing CALEA.
- The DoJ/FBI appreciates that, as part of this cooperative process, the paging industry has agreed to provide capabilities that will be helpful to law enforcement and, as a result, fully supports "fast track" extensions for paging carriers.

2. "Fast Track" FCC extensions:

- As part of this cooperative process, PCIA and DoJ/FBI have agreed upon a general CALEA implementation schedule for the paging industry:
 - **June 30, 2000:** Traditional, one-way paging services (approx. 95% of subscribers);
 - **September 30, 2001:** The "core" advanced and ancillary services; and
 - **June 30, 2002:** Two additional features -- "voicemail" and "location."
- PCIA and DoJ/FBI encourage the FCC to grant "fast track" extensions for all paging carriers that seek an extension consistent with this general schedule and demonstrate that they have filed a Flexible Deployment submission with the FBI.
- Note, some carriers may require an additional extension beyond the 2-year statutory limit (June 30, 2002) to implement the additional features for "voicemail" and "location." Carriers requiring additional time may file individual requests closer to that date, justifying their need for an additional extension.

3. "Flexible Deployment" submissions:

- PCIA and DoJ/FBI have discussed what information generally is available from paging carriers and "streamlined" the Flexible Deployment process accordingly.