



511 DEPLOYMENT COALITION

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Acting Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, SW, Room TW-A325
Washington, DC 20554

Ex Parte Submission: Disposition of Petitions for Reconsideration
CC Docket No. 92-105

Dear Sir:

This letter concerns the status and disposition of Petitions for Reconsideration that were filed by the Cellular Telecommunications & Internet Association (CTIA) and a number of wireless telephone carriers with the Federal Communications Commission on March 12, 2001 regarding the Commission's Report and Order¹ establishing 511 as a national access number for traveler information. We hereby urge the Commission to make its ruling on said petitions as soon as possible.

This letter is submitted by the National 511 Deployment Coalition. The coalition has been established by national organizations with an interest in 511 service deployment including public transportation agencies and private interests involved with communications and with traveler information. The goal is to foster the rapid deployment of 511 traveler information services. This effort operates under the joint sponsorship of the American Association of State Transportation Highway Officials (AASHTO), the American Public Transportation Association (APTA) and the Intelligent Transportation Society of America (ITS America), with support of the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) and is led and administered by AASHTO. It has among its members, representatives of organizations that joined in the submission of the Petitions for Reconsideration (CTIA) as well as representatives of organizations that have filed comments against the Petitions.

Based upon the original Report and Order, efforts to deploy 511 traveler information services have been undertaken across the country. Currently, twenty states have requested and received special grants from the U.S. Department of Transportation to assist them in planning and

¹In the Matter of Petition by the United States Department of Transportation for Assignment of an Abbreviated Dialing Code (N11) to Access Intelligent Transportation Systems Nationwide, Third Report and Order and Order on Reconsideration, CC Docket No. 92-105, FCC 00-256 (2000).

deploying 511 services, with more expected to do so. 511 services have been launched in five locations to date (Utah, northern Kentucky, western Virginia, Nebraska and via wireless in Minnesota). At least six or more additional services are expected to begin within the year. The 511 Deployment Coalition has been successful to date, in providing information and guidance to assist agencies and companies engaged in 511 service development and deployment, but is now encountering obstacles in furthering its efforts.

The purpose of this letter is not to suggest how the Commission should rule on the Petitions for Reconsideration, but to request that the Commission make its ruling soon.

Public agencies and private companies are prepared to make commitments and expend resources under the Commission's Report and Order. Resolution of these matters will enhance the implementation planning, and thus improve the deployment of travel information services to the American public.

We therefore respectfully request that the Commission rule on the Petitions for Reconsideration quickly.

Sincerely,

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