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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street S.W., TW-A325
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: *Ex Parte* Notice
Auction of 700 MHz Spectrum, Auction No. 44
WT Docket No. 99-168 and GN Docket No. 01-74

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Tuesday, April 30, 2002, Lynn Gunwall, Vice President of Penasco Valley Telephone in Artesia, NM; John Prendergast from the law firm Blooston, Mordkofsky, Dickens, Duffy & Prendergast; and Jill Canfield, Regulatory Counsel of the National Telecommunications Cooperative Association met with Bryan Tramont, Senior Legal Advisor to Commissioner Abernathy. We discussed the postponement of the lower 700 MHz auction, currently scheduled to begin June 19, 2002.

Specifically, the group expressed its opposition to the Cellular Telecommunications & Internet Association's (CTIA) Application for Review of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau's denial of CTIA's request to postpone the auction. The group discussed how the Commission will best fulfill its Congressional mandates if it proceeds with the auction as scheduled.

In accordance with the FCC's rules, an original and two copies of this letter are being filed with the Secretary's office. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

/s/ Jill Canfield
Jill Canfield
Regulatory Counsel

cc: Bryan Tramont, FCC

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