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Ms Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
The Portals  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: CC Docket No. 95-155

Dear Ms Dortch:

Attached is a copy of the notice that DSMI sent to all Responsible Organizations (RespOrgs) relating to a meeting that will occur during the week of June 16 in which the proposal to transfer ownership and control of the 800/SMS database to a limited liability corporation, or LLC, will be discussed. This is the same proposal that was presented in meetings with FCC staff held on May 6, 2003 and May 9, 2003. See Letters from Brian Benison to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary of the FCC, filed in CC Docket No. 95-155 on May 7, 2003 and May 12, 2003.

In accordance with Section 1.1206, I am filing this notice and the attachment electronically and request that you please place both in the record of the proceeding identified above. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathleen B. Levitz". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'K' and a long, sweeping tail on the 'z'.

Kathleen B. Levitz

Attachment

cc: Christopher Libertelli  
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# **SMS/800**

May 19, 2003

To: All Responsible Organization (Resp Org) Contacts

Re: SMS/800 Management Structure Changes

As you may recall, in March of last year, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) sponsored a forum to discuss changes in the provision of toll-free number administration services. During the forum, the FCC announced their plans to issue a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) to define the future management structure associated with the centralized database system, currently known as the 800 Service Management System, or SMS/800. In addition, during the forum, the Bell Operating Companies (BOCs) announced their willingness to withdraw from their current role as the providers of toll-free number administration services via the SMS/800.

Since that forum, the members of the SMS/800 Management Team (SMT), acting as the representatives of the BOCs, have been working with several Responsible Organizations (Resp Orgs) to define the most appropriate future management structure.

On May 6 and May 9, representatives of AT&T, ATL, Bell Canada, BellSouth, MCI, Qwest, SBC, Sprint, US LEC, and Verizon met with representatives of the FCC to recommend that management of the SMS/800 be transferred to an industry Limited Liability Corporation (LLC). The representatives are united in their belief that the management structure that will best meet the needs of the users of the system, is a structure that is defined by the users themselves. Membership in the proposed LLC would be open to all Resp Orgs so that the needs and concerns of all users can be addressed and resolved.

On the next SMS/800 Number Administration Committee (SNAC) conference call, scheduled for June 16 – 19, the members of the SMT will facilitate a discussion of the proposed LLC and the issues surrounding its formation and the transfer of responsibility for SMS/800 services from the SMT / BOCs to the LLC.

Please take time to participate in this important conference call and make your views known. As we get closer to the call, SNAC will release logistic information regarding the call. In the interim, the ex parte notification that was filed with the FCC following the May 9 visit will be posted to the SMS/800 Website as a News Flash, immediately

following the distribution of this announcement. The ex parte file contains a copy of the charts used during the discussion with the Commission.

If you will not be able to participate in the SNAC call, or if you have questions or would like additional information, please feel free to contact either Anil Patel or Michael Wade at the SMS/800 Business Manager's office. All of the Resp Orgs working on the development of this proposal are eager to make sure that the final proposal not only provides for a high-quality cost-efficient system for handling toll-free number administration, but also that the proposed structure meets the needs of all of the user community. If you have questions, concerns, or suggestions, please contact us at 888-SMS-3300, Option 3.

On behalf of the SMS/800 Management Team,

Michael Wade  
SMS/800 Business Manager