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July 3, 2003

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

**Re: *Ex Parte* Presentation
WT Docket No. 01-309**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On July 2, 2003, the Cellular Telecommunications & Internet Association (“CTIA”), represented by Diane Cornell, Vice President for Regulatory Affairs, spoke by phone with Jennifer Manner, Senior Counsel for Commissioner Kathleen Abernathy.

The parties discussed issues in the pending hearing aid compatibility proceeding. CTIA reiterated that industry believes the current ANSI 63.19 standard requires additional validation before it can be considered appropriate to achieve the ultimate goal of usability, and that the ATIS incubator process described in the CTIA June 13, 2003 *ex parte* in the above-captioned proceeding would be an effective way of achieving that validation.

CTIA also noted that the ANSI “U” standard is a labeling standard, not a “build to” standard. CTIA emphasized that a requirement that a substantial percentage of phones meet a specified level would involve significant design trade-offs for digital phones that could detract from their functionality or form factor. Such a requirement could prevent manufacturers from developing innovations in their products that would be beneficial to consumers. CTIA also suggested that, if the FCC were considering a labeling requirement, it would be most efficient to implement the labeling through a website listing that could be readily accessed by consumers at home or in the retail outlet, and could be kept up-to-date.



Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's Rules, this letter is being electronically filed with your office. If you have any questions concerning this submission, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

Diane Cornell

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cc: Jennifer Manner

