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

Re: WT Docket No. 04-70 – Ex Parte Communication

Dear Ms Dortch:

The National Emergency Number Association (“NENA”) offers this letter to express our encouragement of the proposed merger between Cingular Wireless Corporation (“Cingular”) and AT&T Wireless Services, Inc. (“AWS”).

NENA, the nation’s only association dedicated completely to 9-1-1, is an active participant in the Commission’s enhanced 9-1-1 (“E9-1-1”) outreach and regulatory proceeding – CC Docket No. 94-102. We are also the nation’s leading voice, in supporting ubiquitous E9-1-1 services.

We are pleased that Cingular and AWS continue to make progress in their E9-1-1 deployment. Through FCC compliance efforts, Cingular and AWS have adhered to existing consent decrees-governing E9-1-1 Phase I and Phase II obligations. As individual corporate entities they have worked alongside and in many cases with our many committees, members, and programs to accelerate E9-1-1 deployment.

We believe that capabilities of each company to implement and improve 9-1-1 services will be strengthened by their merger. In this we see no adverse affect in the on-going deployment of E9-1-1 services.

We thank you for your leadership and consideration of our perspective in this matter. Should you have any concerns or questions, please don’t hesitate to contact us directly.

Sincerely,

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President
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