

July 29, 2004

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  
ET Docket 04-35**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Thursday, July 29, 2004, Chris Guttman-McCabe, Assistant Vice President, Regulatory Policy and Homeland Security, CTIA-The Wireless Association™, spoke with Bryan Tramont, Chief of Staff, Office of Chairman Michael Powell, to discuss the Commission's NPRM on Outage Reporting.

In particular, the parties discussed the wireless industry's continued desire to report data on outages voluntarily, under the protection of the Critical Infrastructure Information Act, and that the Commission resort to a mandatory mechanism only if carriers are not reporting voluntarily. The parties discussed the Commission's ability to use the data that could be provided voluntarily under the protection of the Critical Infrastructure Information Act. Mr. Guttman-McCabe also discussed the process by which Best Practices are developed, and the specific rules established in the Critical Infrastructure Information Act for Information Sharing and Analysis Organizations (ISAOs). Those rules allow ISAOs to gather and analyze critical infrastructure information and to voluntarily submit such information to the Department of Homeland Security.

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,

*Christopher Guttman-McCabe*

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cc: Bryan Tramont