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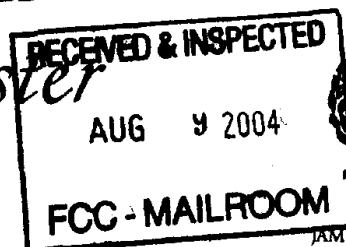
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Ms Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

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


Dear Ms. Dortch:

The Manchester Connecticut Police Department offers this letter to express our encouragement of the proposed merger between Cingular Wireless Corporation (“Cingular”) and AT&T Wireless Services, Inc. (“AWS”).

Municipalities in the central Connecticut region rely heavily on Cingular and its parent company for emergency communications. Additionally, the public safety community uses cellular technology supported by Cingular and AT&T, for data transmission from police and fire vehicles.

It is our hope that a merger between these two companies will strengthen the wireless infrastructure, and provide a “footprint” for public safety communications greater than either of these companies could accomplish individually.

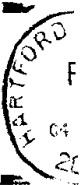
We thank you allowing us to have input into this matter. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.


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