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VIA HAND DELIVERY

Ms. Marlene Dortch, Esq.
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
236 Massachusetts Avenue, NE
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RE: Ex-Parte
RM-11019
Auction 58 (Report No. AUC-03-58-A)

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of United States Cellular Corporation ("USCC"), we are filing in support of the letter of CTIA dated October 5, 2004 requesting the short-form filing deadline for Auction #58 be shifted from November 12 three to four weeks closer to the January 12 auction start date. As a possible participant in Auction #58, USCC shares the concerns expressed by CTIA that the duration of restrictions under the Commission's anti-collusion rules imposed on applicants and entities with attributable interests in applicants should be limited whenever reasonably possible.

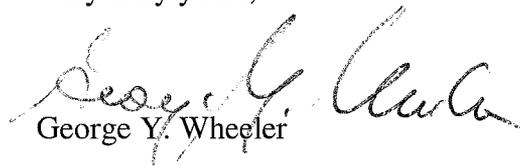
During the period starting November 12 through the middle of December USCC will likely be engaged beyond November 12 in discussions with other entities related to consequences of pending and closed transactions, roaming negotiations and other significant business matters. It is not unreasonable to assume that at least some of these entities with whom such discussions might take place could be affiliated with applicants in Auction #58. Grant of the extension requested by CTIA would provide much needed additional time so that these discussions can take place without being restricted under the Commission's anti-collusion policies.

In addition, the extension requested by CTIA potentially could be beneficial to permit at least a brief period for unrestricted discussions between Cingular and other potential participants in Auction #58 to consider information relating to divestiture requirements, if any, in the event the Commission acts on the merger of Cingular and AT&T Wireless in coming weeks.

We also agree with CTIA's point that the shielding of auctions-related personal from other company employees which is a normal part of anti-collusion compliance programs, i.e. to ensure that information about bids and bidding strategies is not improperly discussed or disclosed, does create inefficiencies and hardships for company operations because auctions-related personal who are routinely involved in other operations are prevented from participating in their normal areas of responsibility. We strongly support any action which the Commission can take to diminish these inefficiencies and hardships by shortening the period between the short-form filing deadline and the auction start date for the auction.

In the event there are any questions regarding these matters, please communicate with the undersigned.

Very truly yours,



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