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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
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Washington, DC 20554

Re: ***Ex Parte Presentation***  
**CC Docket No. 96-45**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Wednesday, February 2, 2005, Diane Cornell, Vice President, Regulatory Policy and Paul Garnett, Director, Regulatory Policy, CTIA – The Wireless Association™ along with Glenn Rabin, Alltel, Stephanie Johanns, Alltel, David Sieradzki, Hogan and Hartson, LLP for Sprint and Western Wireless, David Nace, Lukas, Nace, Gutierrez & Sachs for Rural Cellular Corp., Midwest Wireless Communications and Cellular South, Roger Sherman, Sprint, Mark Rubin, Western Wireless, and Chuck Keller, Wilkerson Barker Knauer, LLP, met with Jeff Carlisle, Chief, Lisa Gelb, Deputy Chief, Narda Jones, Chief, Telecommunications and Access Policy Division and Thomas Buckley, Attorney Advisor, Telecommunications and Access Policy Division, all of the Wireline Competition Bureau, to discuss the FCC's pending competitive eligible telecommunications carrier designation proceeding. At the meeting, CTIA urged the Commission not to adopt eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) designation policies that would discriminate against wireless carriers.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, a copy of this letter, along with all of the materials distributed at the meeting, is being filed via ECFS with your office. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

*/s/ Paul Garnett*

Paul W. Garnett

cc: Jeff Carlisle  
Lisa Gelb  
Narda Jones

Thomas Buckley