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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 Thursday, February 24, 2005, Diane Cornell, Vice President, Regulatory Policy, and Paul Garnett, Director, Regulatory Policy, CTIA – The Wireless Association™ met with Commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy and Jennifer Manner, Senior Counsel, to discuss the FCC's pending competitive eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) designation proceeding. Parties at the meeting discussed issues described in the attached presentation.

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

Attachment

cc: Commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy  
Jennifer Manner