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9-1-1 COMMUNICATIONS CENTER**

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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. 05-50

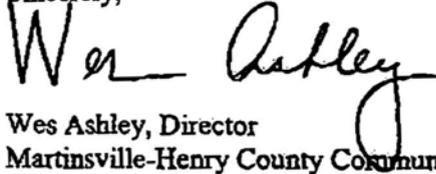
Dear Ms. Dortch:

I recently received notification of ALLTEL's pending acquisition of Western Wireless. The Martinsville-Henry County 9-1-1 Communications Center offers this letter to you to express our encouragement of ALLTEL's pending acquisition of Western Wireless, based on their previous performance with us.

As the Director of Enhanced 911 for Martinsville-Henry County Communications Center, I have worked with numerous wireless carriers to provide Wireless Enhanced 911 service to the citizens within my community. I believe that ALLTEL continues to progress with their E9-1-1 technologies in that they have deployed Wireless Phase II service with numerous PSAP's and Wireless Phase I service with a larger number of PSAP's. My experience with ALLTEL has been that they continue to work diligently, meeting both Phase I and Phase II obligations, as has been reflected during the implementation of Wireless E911 Phase II Service in our PSAP who serves citizens in both the City of Martinsville and Henry County, Virginia.

I feel that ALLTEL will continue to provide the same standard of service to those PSAP's that are currently served by Western Wireless, as they have to those of us who have previously worked with ALLTEL to deploy Wireless Phase I and Phase II service.

Sincerely,



Wes Ashley, Director
Martinsville-Henry County Communications Center

cc: Candy Green
E-911, Director
ALLTEL Communications, Inc.