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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, and I offer this letter to you to express my encouragement of ALLTEL's pending acquisition of Western Wireless.

As the Program Manager for E911 in the State of Iowa, I have worked with numerous wireless carriers to provide Wireless Enhanced 9-1-1 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 367 PSAP's and Wireless Phase I service with 745 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 E-1-1 Phase II Service in Pottawattamie County, IA.

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 E9-1-1 Phase I and/or Phase II service.

Sincerely,


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cc: Candy Green
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