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Ms. Marlene Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Docket 04-36, ex parte communication
pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Rules

Dear Mrs. Dortch:

The National Emergency Number Association (“NENA”), Greater Harris County 9-1-1 and the Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials, Inc. (“APCO”) met yesterday with Chairman Martin, Dan Gonzalez, Sam Feder, Emily Willeford, Tom Navin and _____ on the subject of access to enhanced 9-1-1 (“E9-1-1”) by customers of Voice over Internet (“VOI”) service providers.

Present for Greater Harris County and NENA were John Melcher and the undersigned. Present for APCO were Wanda McCarley and Courtney McCarron. Bob Gurss participated for APCO by phone.

We discussed the three principal classifications of service as described by the FCC in the referenced docket – fixed, nomadic and mobile – and the callback number and location standards that reasonably could be met in each category within various time periods. Distinctions were drawn between subscriber-aided location, both unverified and verified, and the automatic positioning that need not depend on customer input. Advantages and disadvantages of conventional street addresses

and latitude-longitude positioning of callers in the three major classifications of service also were discussed.

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We reviewed the recorded positions of VOI providers and incumbent telephone companies serving as E9-1-1 system service providers relative to mandatory or negotiated direct connection to the trunk side of the public switched telephone network. The relative freedoms of state and local governments to assure continuity of E9-1-1 financing under the FCC's jurisdictional order were also touched upon.

Please direct any questions to the undersigned.

Sincerely,

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cc: Dan Gonzalez, Sam Feder, Tom Navin, John Melcher, Bob Gurs