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

Re: Dockets 94-102, 04-36 and 05-196, ex parte communication

Dear Ms. Dortch:

David Jones, President of the National Emergency Number Association (“NENA”), and Patrick Halley, NENA’s Director of Government Affairs, accompanied by the undersigned, met today with Chairman Martin, Michelle Carey and Fred Campbell on the subjects of VOIP customer access to enhanced 9-1-1 and the recommendations on wireless location accuracy and other subjects in the draft report of the NRIC VII Focus Group 1A.

With regard to VOIP, we discussed NENA’s joint petition (with the VON Coalition) for clarification of the FCC’s order adopted in May, as well as our separate August request to Wireless Competition Bureau Chief Thomas Navin for the appointment of a Routing Number Administrator to manage the assignment of pseudo-Automatic Number Identifications (“pANIs”) used in both wireless and VOIP non-fixed calling. NENA noted that its “I2” migratory recommendations (http://www.nena.org/VoIP_IP/I_short_descriptions%20for%20web1.pdf) for VOIP caller access to E9-1-1 should receive Board approval in a month and that its Selective Router directory aims for completion at the end of October. We stated our belief that pending national legislation on VOIP should augment rather than override the FCC May order.

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Concerning the Focus Group 1A report, NENA repeated the points in a September 30th letter from David Jones to Chairman Martin and copied to other Commissioners. We recounted recent efforts to reach agreement with APCO on the recommended geographic area for evaluation of carrier location accuracy, state vs. PSAP. We discussed means of bridging the gap between today's wireless caller location methods and a future in which technology might permit accuracy standards to be met within PSAP service areas.

Please direct any questions to the undersigned.

Sincerely,

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cc: Michelle Carey, Fred Campbell