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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary to the Federal Communications Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: *Ex Parte* Communication  
WT Docket No. 05-157  
WT Docket No. 96-86

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Tuesday, October 25, 2005, representatives of the National Public Safety Telecommunications Council (NPSTC) attended, at the request of the staff of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, a meeting involving issues in the above proceedings. Attending on behalf of NPSTC was Chief Harlan McEwen, Mr. Sean O'Hara, Mr. Robert M. Gurs and Mr. John E. Logan. Participating via conference call connection were Ms. Marilyn Ward and Mr. Vincent R. Stile. Attending the meeting on behalf of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau were Ms. Kathleen Massie, Ms. Jane Jackson, Mr. Michael Wilhelm, Mr. Tim Maguire, Mr. John Evanoff, Mr. Herb Zeiler, Mr. Paul Moon, Ms. Linda Chang and Ms. Angela Giancarlo.

At the meeting NPSTC representatives related that the need for additional spectrum by public safety agencies, fueled by an expanding demand for services, including broadband, had generated discussion within NPSTC. These discussions are continuing and encompass consideration of the current 700 MHz wideband channel plan with regard to potential broadband use. The NPSTC representatives did note that the Commission's allocation of channels within 700 MHz for narrowband voice communications was an important action where much reliance by public agencies, manufacturers and service providers has taken place and that no consideration should be given to any changes within these channels.

Respectfully,

Vincent R. Stile, Chair  
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