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Re: WT Docket No. 05-211 (reporting permit-but-disclose *ex parte* communications pursuant to §1.1206(b)(2); electronically filed pursuant to §1.49(f))

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On March 8, 2006, MMTC had two meetings regarding the above-referenced matter: (1) Commissioner Michael Copps and his Legal Advisors, Jordan Goldstein and John Giusti, Esqs. (3:00 PM) and (2) Commissioner Jonathan Adelstein and his Legal Advisors, Rudy Brioche and Barry Ohlson, Esqs. (4:00 PM). Our delegation consisted of Gloria Tristani (second meeting only), MMTC Managing Director David Lowenstein, MMTC Fellow Joseph Miller, and myself.

We made the following points: (1) the potential for manipulation of the DE rules is greatest when incumbent large in-region wireless carriers participate in the DE program; (2) exclusion of these carriers would benefit legitimate small and minority businesses; (3) the definition of large incumbent in-region wireless carriers could be based on revenues or subscribership information; and (4) while there is no need to apply new DE restrictions to other large companies, the Commission should deter DE program manipulation by all parties by, especially, adopting an audit program immediately. We also expressed our opposition to "blind bidding" because bidding transparency enables applicants with limited resources but solid information about their competitors' bidding strengths to compete more effectively against better funded parties.

Sincerely,

David Honig

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