

June 9, 2006

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

Re: ***Ex Parte Communication***
**WT Docket Nos. 05-211; 05-194; 02-353; CC Docket Nos. 01-92;
96-45**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On June 8, 2006, Steve Largent, President and Chief Executive Officer, Christopher Guttman-McCabe, Vice President, Regulatory Affairs, and Paul Garnett, Assistant Vice President, Regulatory Affairs, CTIA – The Wireless Association®, met with Commissioner Deborah Taylor Tate and Aaron Goldberger, Legal Advisor to the Commissioner, to discuss wireless industry regulatory priorities, including a national regulatory framework, spectrum availability, and universal service. CTIA discussed its petition asking the FCC to declare that states are precluded from regulating early termination fees under section 332(c)(3)(A) of the Communications Act of 1934, and stated that the Early Termination Fee proceeding at the Commission was the Association's top regulatory priority. CTIA discussed two recent *ex parte* submissions demonstrating that ETFs clearly are part of a wireless carrier's rate structure and that consumers benefit from the availability of long term contracts that include ETFs.¹

CTIA also discussed with the Commissioner its proposed reforms to the intercarrier compensation and universal service systems. As illustrated in the attached charts, under the Commission's universal service contribution and distribution rules, wireless industry contributions to universal service have been steadily rising, while universal service distributions remain primarily directed to wireline carriers. CTIA discussed its continued support for swift Commission adoption and implementation of a numbers-based universal service contribution mechanism that addresses the concerns of low-income and low average revenue per unit customers. CTIA also discussed its proposals to reform the high-cost universal service mechanisms.

¹ See Letter from Christopher Guttman-McCabe, CTIA-The Wireless Association®, to Marlene Dortch, FCC, filed May 30, 2006; Letter from Christopher Guttman-McCabe, CTIA-The Wireless Association®, to Marlene Dortch, FCC, filed June 7, 2006.

In addition, CTIA thanked Commissioner Tate and her colleagues for making more spectrum available for deployment of Advanced Wireless Services. Finally, CTIA described the variety of initiatives that the wireless industry has voluntarily undertaken, including the CTIA Consumer Code for Wireless Service, which is attached, Wireless Amber Alerts, and Wireless Content Guidelines.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, a copy of this letter and the attachments are being filed via ECFS with your office. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

/s/ Christopher Guttman-McCabe

Christopher Guttman-McCabe

cc: Commissioner Deborah Taylor Tate
Aaron Goldberger

Attachments