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

**Re: Ex Parte Presentation
EB Docket No. 04-296**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On July 31, 2006, Scott B. Tollefsen, General Counsel of USA Mobility, Inc., and the undersigned met with Fred Campbell, Legal Adviser to Chairman Kevin Martin, regarding the development of a new Emergency Alert System. Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, a copy of this letter, along with all of the materials distributed at the meetings, are being filed via ECFS with your office.

The purpose of the meeting was to provide information on USA Mobility's vital role in facilitating emergency communications and to underscore the distinctive attributes of paging services in connection with the development of a redundant, multi-platform alert system. We expressed support for the Commission's proposed expansion of the Emergency Alert System and discussed USA Mobility's ability to disseminate alert messages using its point-to-multipoint capabilities. We also discussed the exemplary performance and reliability of USA Mobility's text-messaging services during Hurricane Katrina and in the storm's aftermath, as recognized by the Independent Panel Reviewing the Impact of Hurricane Katrina on Communications Networks. Moreover, we explained that, while USA Mobility is prepared to transmit alert messages to its subscriber base, a greater public benefit might result if other service providers were to integrate paging technology into their own handsets, to promote increased redundancy and reliability.

In response to questions posed by Mr. Campbell, we discussed USA Mobility's licensed frequencies and its coverage attributes, and this letter provides supplemental information regarding these issues. We explained that USA Mobility's one-way paging systems operate in three different bands: the VHF paging band (152-163 MHz), UHF paging band (454-462 MHz), and 929-931 MHz paging band. Two-way messaging services operate at 901-902 MHz for inbound traffic and at 930-931 MHz and 940-941 MHz for outbound traffic. USA Mobility's coverage areas are considerably greater in the bands above 900 MHz as compared with the UHF and VHF bands, as a substantial majority of the company's transmitters operate on the higher frequencies. Generally speaking, USA Mobility's coverage areas for its one-way and two-way messaging services are comparable to the coverage of mobile voice providers that serve the same areas.

Please contact the undersigned if you have any questions regarding this notice.

Sincerely,

/s/ Matthew A. Brill

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Attachments

cc: Fred Campbell