March 20, 2007

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

Re: Notice of *Ex Parte* Communication
PS Docket No. 06-229; WT Docket Nos. 96-86, 06-150, 06-169

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Monday March 19, 2007, Christopher Guttman-McCabe, Vice President, Paul Garnett, Assistant Vice President, and Brian Josef, Director, CTIA – The Wireless Association® met with Angela Giancarlo, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Robert McDowell to discuss pending issues in the 700 MHz proceedings. During the meeting, CTIA representatives and Ms. Giancarlo discussed support for the Commission's ongoing efforts to ensure the CMRS industry has access to the spectrum it needs to continue to innovate and serve its more than 230 million mobile wireless customers. CTIA expressed its desire to see the Commission move toward a swift resolution of these issues to meet the statutory deadlines in the DTV Transition statute.

CTIA expressed its continued support for flexible licensing rules, which have been responsible, in part, for the wireless industry's incredible growth. To that end, CTIA voiced concerns about proposed service rules, such as build out requirements, that would compel premature and uneconomic build out by multiple licensees in a given market. CTIA believes that stringent build out requirements are more likely to ultimately prevent deployment to certain areas once spectrum is reclaimed from the carrier with the greatest incentive to build out. Additionally, a different approach in the 700 MHz band will create a significant disparity with those that recently purchased spectrum in the AWS auction.

CTIA also voiced concerns about proposals to reconfigure the 700 MHz band plan in a manner that would increase the likelihood of interference to both commercial and public safety operators. Finally, CTIA described its support for a more centralized approach for an interoperable, broadband public safety communications network in spectrum set aside by Congress in the 700 MHz band for the public safety community.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's Rules, this letter is being electronically filed with your office. An electronic copy is also being provided to Ms. Giancarlo. If you have any questions concerning this submission, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

/s/ Christopher Guttman-McCabe

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cc: Angela Giancarlo