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 Secretary
 Federal Communications Commission
 445 12th Street, S.W.
 Washington, DC 20554

Re: NOTICE OF EX PARTE MEETINGS

**Telecommunications Relay Service and Speech-to Speech
 Services for Individuals with Hearing and Speech Disabilities
CG Docket No. 03-123**

Dear Ms Dortch:

On behalf of Telecommunications for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing, Inc. (“TDI”), this is to provide notice of a series *ex parte* meetings held on June 14, 2007 regarding the above-referenced docket. Claude L. Stout, Executive Director, TDI, Cheryl Heppner, Vice Chair, Deaf and Hard of Hearing Consumer Advocacy Network, Rosaline Hayes Crawford, Director, Law and Advocacy Center of the National Association of the Deaf and the undersigned (collectively the “Consumer Organizations”) met with (1) Scott Deutchman from the office of Commissioner Michael J. Copps, (2) Ian Dillner from the office of Chairman Kevin J. Martin, (3) Scott Bergman from the office of Commissioner Jonathan S. Adelstein, (4) John Hunter from the office of Commissioner Robert M. McDowell, and (5) Nicholas Alexander from the office of Commissioner Deborah Taylor Tate. Ms. Heppner attended the first two meetings, but did not attend the latter three.

At each meeting representatives of the Consumer Organizations discussed issues addressed in their reply comments regarding TRS rates for 2007-2008 as well as in their comments and reply comments discussing 911 emergency calling for VRS and VRS numbering. As a preliminary matter, the Consumer Organizations reminded the Commissioners’ advisors that the Americans with Disabilities Act, 47 U.S.C. § 225, mandates that functional equivalency for TRS services is a standard that evolves as technological improvements are achieved. The following items were advocated at the meetings:

- Freezing TRS rates at the 2006-2007 levels until the issues raised in the July 20, 2006 Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on TRS rate methodology are resolved by the Commission;

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- Adopting a long range plan for TRS ratemaking to ensure stability;
- To promote improved services that are closer to functional equivalency, ensuring that compensation for all forms of TRS include reasonable levels of research and development;
- To promote a competitive marketplace and resulting improved services that are closer to functional equivalency, ensuring that compensation for all forms of TRS include reasonable levels of outreach and brand marketing;
- To promote better quality TRS services, ensuring that compensation for all forms of TRS include reasonable levels of staff training;
- Providing a greater role for the TRS Advisory Council in the TRS ratemaking process, including permitting the Council members access to cost data pursuant to a confidentiality agreement or protective order;
- Adopting 10-digit dialing for internet protocol (“IP”) based TRS services consistent with the North American Numbering Plan;
- Adopting rules to facilitate the implementation of 911 emergency calling services for IP based TRS services;
- Ensuring broadband access for members of the deaf and hard of hearing communities so that they can take advantage of IP based TRS services.

Very truly yours,

/S/

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