

July 24, 2007

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
12th Street Lobby, TW-A325  
Washington, D.C. 20554

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

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On July 24, 2007, Steve Largent, President and CEO, CTIA – The Wireless Association®, met via telephone call with Commissioner Deborah Taylor Tate concerning issues included in the above-referenced 700 MHz proceedings. Specifically, CTIA noted its opposition to proposals under consideration by the Commission to impose geography-based buildout and “open access” obligations on 700 MHz licenses. CTIA urged the Commissioner to reject these proposals and proceed with an open and fair auction of the 700 MHz licenses.

Specifically, CTIA noted its concerns regarding the Commission’s proposal to impose geographic buildout requirements on 700 MHz licenses. CTIA supports population-based buildout requirements to achieve the Commission’s goal of ensuring that licensees extend networks to serve consumers in rural areas. CTIA also expressed its opposition to proposed open access requirements for portions of the 700 MHz band. CTIA has long supported flexible service rules and fair and open auctions as the most effective way to ensure the highest and best use of the spectrum to serve American consumers.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission’s Rules, this letter is being electronically filed with your office. If you have any questions regarding this submission, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

*/s/ Christopher Guttman-McCabe*

Christopher Guttman-McCabe