

September 13, 2007

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

**Re: *Ex Parte* Communication, EB Docket 06-119,
WC Docket No. 06-63**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On September 12, 2007, Chris Guttman-McCabe, Vice President, Regulatory Affairs, Paul Garnett, Assistant Vice President, Regulatory Affairs, Brian Josef, Director, Regulatory Affairs, and David Redl, Counsel, Regulatory Affairs, CTIA – The Wireless Association® (“CTIA”), met with Wayne Leighton, Acting Advisor to Commissioner Deborah Taylor Tate.

The CTIA representatives discussed the Commission’s Order extending the effective date of the back-up power rule adopted as part of the Commission’s Order implementing the recommendations of the Hurricane Katrina Independent Panel. Specifically, CTIA discussed the potential impact on wireless carriers of the Commission’s emergency backup power rule.

CTIA noted that wireless carriers have developed a variety of best practices to anticipate and resolve problems created by both natural and man-made disasters. These business continuity plans reflect each individual carrier’s knowledge of its particular network and geographic area served. CTIA stressed that providing carriers with the flexibility to implement their own plans, rather than adopting inflexible requirements, enables carriers to pre-position portable cell sites, back-up generators, fuel, other equipment, and personnel in a manner that facilitates the most rapid and appropriate responses to improve the likelihood that carriers’ networks remain operational in a disaster.

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/ Paul W. Garnett

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cc: Wayne Leighton