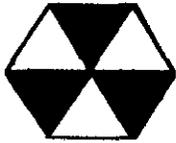


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Re: EB Docket 04-296

"EX PARTE."

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On October 2, 2007, I met with the following FCC personnel: Darryl Smith, John Gabrysch, Claudia Fox, Tom Beers, Shawn Lapinski, Todd Mitchell, Bonnie Gay, Michael Lance, and William Lane. Brian Olinger from WTOP and Ron Karolick from OmniVue were also in attendance. We discussed TDX (Textual Data eXchange) as a method to improve the EAS protocol by making the EAS protocol compatible with CAP (Common Alerting Protocol). We complimented the FCC for acceptance of CAP as the standard for "Next Generation EAS" in the latest R&O and look forward to the compatibility definition from FEMA.

We discussed the following points:

- TDX is an open method offered at no charge to anyone wishing to add it to their EAS equipment or operation
- how CAP addresses the lack of details in the EAS protocol
- how TDX, added to the EAS message, identifies the CAP data location making EAS CAP compatible
- how TDX can provide details in the EAS message independent of the internet
- how the installed EAS base can and should be maintained as the alerting infrastructure
- the need to move EAS source responsibility from the broadcaster to the EOC
- a need for more in-depth EAS understanding and involvement by State and Local EOCs
- the need for Local Emergency Managers in "Next Generation EAS" organizations
- and how more details, available in CAP and accessed by TDX, can enhance communication in multiple languages and can better inform the disabled communities.
- We also discussed obtaining a FCC statement indicating that TDX, as defined, does not change the EAS protocol and does not violate the ruling.

Sincerely,

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