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Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
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**Re: Notice of *Ex Parte* Presentation
ET Docket Nos. 04-186, 02-380**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On April 29, 2008, Caressa D. Bennet and David Fritz of Bennet & Bennet, PLLC, General Counsel for the Rural Telecommunications Group, Inc. (“RTG”); Joseph M. Sandri, Jr., Senior Vice President of Government and Regulatory Affairs for FiberTower Corporation (“FiberTower”); Trey Hanbury, Director, Government Affairs for Sprint Nextel Corporation (“Sprint Nextel”); Patrick T. Welsh, Senior Corporate Counsel, Federal Regulatory Affairs for T-Mobile USA, Inc. (“T-Mobile”); Paul Garnett, Assistant Vice President, Regulatory Affairs of CTIA – The Wireless Association (“CTIA”); and Michele C. Farquhar of Hogan & Hartson, LLP, Special Counsel to FiberTower and RTG, met with Jonathan Adelstein and his legal advisor Renée Crittendon to discuss the above-referenced proceeding.

During the meetings, the parties reiterated their positions as outlined in several filings in this proceeding, including the RTG-FiberTower white paper *Optimizing the TV Bands White Spaces*;¹ the Sprint Nextel and T-Mobile January 3, 2008 filing endorsing the *White Paper*;² the CTIA March 25, 2008 filing;³ and the March 31, 2008 filing by FiberTower, RTG, Sprint Nextel,

¹ “Optimizing the TV Bands White Spaces: A Licensed, Fixed-Use Model for Interference-Free Television and Increased Broadband Deployment in Rural and Urban Areas,” Ex Parte filing by FiberTower Corporation and the Rural Telecommunications Group, Inc., ET Docket Nos. 04-186, 02-380 (filed Oct. 2, 2007) (“*White Paper*”).

² Ex Parte filing by Sprint Nextel Corporation and T-Mobile USA, Inc., ET Docket Nos. 04-186, 02-380 (filed Jan. 3, 2008).

³ Ex Parte filing by CTIA, ET Docket Nos. 04-186, 02-380 (filed Mar. 25, 2008).

T-Mobile, and NTCA.⁴ Specifically, the parties discussed the benefits of licensed rather than unlicensed use of the TV white spaces, including the continued need for licensed spectrum, the exceptional propagation features of the TV white spaces (which are ideal for lower-cost backhaul over much longer distances), the promotion of build-out in rural areas, the benefits to consumers, and the enhanced protection of incumbents through greater certainty and accountability.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's Rules, this letter is being filed via ECFS with your office.

Respectfully Submitted,

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cc: Commissioner Jonathan Adelstein
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⁴ *Ex Parte* filing by FiberTower Corporation, the Rural Telecommunications Group, Inc., Sprint Nextel Corporation, T-Mobile USA, Inc., and the National Telecommunications Cooperative Association, ET Docket Nos. 04-186, 02-380 (filed Mar. 31, 2008).