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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 – 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: Initial Election Regarding Participation in the CMAS
PS Docket No. 08-146**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

This notification is filed pursuant to the Third Report and Order in PS Docket No. 07-287, released August 7, 2008, and the corresponding Public Notice, DA 08-1866, released the same date.

On behalf of Hancock Rural Telephone Corp d/b/a Hancock Telecom (“Hancock”), we hereby notify the Commission of Hancock’s intent not to participate in the Commercial Mobile Alert System.

Hancock reserves the right to change its election at a later date, in accordance with Commission regulations, as the Company moves forward with its deployment of wireless service and learns more about the CMAS program.

Respectfully submitted,



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