

National Emergency Number Association
The Voice of 9-1-1



November 7, 2008

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

Re: Petition of NENA and APCO for Expedited Clarification of Section 64.604(a)(2) of the Rules; CC Docket No. 98-67, CG Docket No. 03-123, WC Docket No. 05-196 (filed October 24, 2008)
Wireless E9-1-1 Location Accuracy Requirements; PS Docket 07-114

Dear Ms. Dortch :

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules, this is to inform the Commission that on November 6, 2008 the undersigned met separately with Bruce Gottlieb, wireless and international legal advisor for Commissioner Copps, and Wayne Leighton, special advisor for wireless and international issues for Commissioner Tate. During the meeting, I reiterated NENA's support for the proposals we put forward with the Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials International ("APCO"), ATT Mobility and Verizon Wireless to measure wireless E9-1-1 location accuracy requirements at the county level. NENA encourages the Commission to adopt rules before the end of the year and to establish an E9-1-1 Technology Advisory Group (ETAG) as previously described.

During the meetings I also noted the importance of quickly addressing a Petition for Expedited Clarification of Section 64.604(a)(2) of the Rules filed on October 24 by NENA and APCO. Before the December 31, 2008 deadline arrives requiring Internet-based Telecommunications Relay Service (TRS) providers to route 9-1-1 calls through the E9-1-1 system, it is critical that the Commission clarify that during a 9-1-1 call, when reasonably necessary, video interpreters can provide visual information to a 9-1-1 telecommunicator that will protect the life of the caller and/or others, including first responders.

Please direct any questions to the undersigned.

Sincerely,

Patrick Halley
Government Affairs Director