

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



November 14, 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)

Dear Ms. Dortch :

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules, this is to inform the Commission that on November 14, 2008 the undersigned spoke via telephone with Cathy Seidel, Chief of the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau. A separate telephone conversation was also held with Nicole McGinnis, Deputy Bureau Chief of the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau, on November 12. During the discussions, I emphasized 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