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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth St., SW
Washington, DC 20554

February 17, 2009

Re: *Ex Parte* Notice

700 MHz Auction, WT Docket 06-150, WT Docket 98-86, AU Docket 07-157; Implementing a National, Broadband, Interoperable Public Safety Network in the 700 MHz Band, PS Docket 06-229; Advanced Wireless 3 Auction, WT Docket 07-195, WT Docket 04-356; Deployment of Advanced Telecommunications Services, GN Docket 07-45

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Tuesday, February 17, 2009 representatives and members of the Telecommunications Industry Association (TIA) met with James Schlichting, Acting Bureau Chief of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (Bureau); Joel Taubenblatt, Deputy Bureau Chief; Chris Moore, Deputy Bureau Chief; Jane Jackson, Associate Bureau Chief; and Mary Bucher, Assistant Bureau Chief/Chief Technical Advisor. The TIA representative was Patrick Sullivan. TIA members present were Mary Brown of Cisco, Praveen Goyal of RIM, Rob Kubik of Motorola, Allison Ellis of Sony Ericsson, Mark Racek of Ericsson, Derek Khlopin of Nokia, Emily Daniels representing SkyTerra Subsidiary LLC; and Joanne Dalton of Tyco Electronics.

In this meeting, TIA relayed its support the National Telecommunications and Information Administration grant programs for broadband deployment as established in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. TIA urged the Bureau to provide technical guidance to the NTIA, and TIA relayed our willingness to provide any appropriate assistance as the grant process moves forward.

TIA discussed the considerable efforts of the Bureau to make the 700 MHz spectrum block available for broadband technologies that will speed next-generation wireless products. TIA noted its support for Commission efforts to ensure the allocated spectrum is available as soon as possible.

TIA also discussed the Bureau's work to address the D Block shared network plan under the current rules. We discussed TIA's continued efforts to advocate for policies in the proceeding that will expedite the D Block auction. TIA expressed its hope that Chairman Copps will conclude his review of this proceeding as quickly as possible in order to make the spectrum available for both public interest and economic reasons. On a related matter, TIA detailed its support for the deployment of a public safety interoperable network and both Commission and legislative efforts to make such a network a reality.

Finally, we discussed our support for ensuring that the AWS-3 auction proceeds as quickly as possible. TIA discussed the interference issues associated with and next steps in this proceeding.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206, a copy of this letter is being filed electronically today. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 346-3244.

Sincerely,

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Patrick Sullivan,
Director, Technical and Government Affairs

Cc: James Schlichting, Joel Taubenblatt, Chris Moore, Jane Jackson, Mary Bucher