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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: Notice of Ex Parte Communication
Telecommunications Relay Services and Speech-to-Speech Services for
Individuals with Hearing and Speech Disabilities
E911 Requirements for IP-Enhanced Service Providers
CC Docket 03-123; WC Docket 05-196**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On November 2, 2009, Claude L. Stout, Executive Director, Telecommunications for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Inc. (“TDI”); Cheryl Heppner, Vice Chair, Deaf and Hard of Hearing Consumer Advocacy Network; Sheri Ann Farinha, Chief Executive Officer, NorCal Services for Deaf & Hard of Hearing (by speakerphone via VRS) (together “Consumer Representatives”); and the undersigned counsel to TDI, met with Mark Stone, Deputy Chief, Consumer & Government Affairs Bureau (“CGB”); Michael Jacobs, CGB; Thomas Chandler, Chief, Disability Rights Office (“DRO”), CGB; Gregory Hlibok, DRO, CGB; Diane Mason, DRO, CGB; William Dever, Acting Chief, Competition Policy Division (“CPD”), Wireline Competition Bureau (“WCB”); Heather Hendrickson CPD, WCB; and Richard Hovey, Public Safety & Homeland Security Bureau.

We discussed the following issues:

- The Comments filed by the Consumer Groups on October 27, 2009 in support of the September 10, 2009 CSDVRS Petition for Expedited Reconsideration of the Public Notice regarding toll free numbers issued by the CGB on August 11, 2009, DA 09-1787, and the Petition for Emergency Stay also filed by the Consumer Groups on October 27, 2009. The Consumer Representatives requested that the Commission grant CSDVRS’s petition prior to November 12, 2009, but if the Commission is not ready to act within that time frame, then to grant the Consumer Groups’ Petition for Emergency Stay to preserve the status quo.
- The Petition for Partial Reconsideration of the iTRS Second Report and Order and Order on Reconsideration, requesting access to iTRS numbers by people

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without hearing disabilities, filed by the Consumer Groups on January 29, 2009. The Consumer Representatives requested action prior to November 12, 2009.

- The Reply Comments filed by the Consumer Groups on September 10, 2009 in support of the Petition for Declaratory Ruling or Limited Waiver of the Commission's Rules regarding assignment of nearby geographic numbers, filed by Sorenson Communications, Inc. on April 13, 2009. The Consumer Representatives requested action prior to November 12, 2009.
- The Application for Review filed by the Consumer Groups on October 19, 2009 regarding the September 18, 2009 CGB Order dismissing in part the Petition for Rulemaking to Clarify Relay Rules filed by Purple Communications, Inc. on August 12, 2009.
- The lack of a dial around procedure in the event an IP-Relay user wishes to place a call through an IP-Relay provider other than the user's default provider. To use another IP-Relay Provider, a user must obtain a separate number from each IP-Relay provider. The Consumer Representatives suggested that this is contrary to Commission policy on interoperability and is a waste of numbering resources. They asked that the Commission look into this problem.
- The Request for Extension of Mandatory Registration Date for IP Text Relay Service filed by Purple Communications, Inc. on October 27, 2009. The Consumer Representatives explained that the Consumer Groups will not be taking a position on this issue. However, we leave it to the FCC's wisdom to render its decision based on the merits of the extension petition from Purple or any other Internet Protocol Relay service provider.

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Very truly yours,

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