

November 20, 2009

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
12th Street Lobby, TW-A325
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: *Ex Parte* Communication, EB Docket 06-119,
WC Docket No. 06-63**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On November 19, 2009, Christopher Guttman-McCabe, Vice President, Regulatory Affairs, Rick Kemper, Director, Wireless Technology, and Brian Josef, Director, Regulatory Affairs, CTIA – The Wireless Association® (“CTIA”) met with David Furth, Deputy Bureau Chief, of the Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau and Jean Ann Collins, Deputy Chief, Communications Systems Analysis Division of the Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau.

As indicated in the attached presentation, CTIA discussed the importance of preserving flexibility for wireless carriers’ backup power plans. CTIA made clear that keeping their networks up and running is their highest priority. CTIA discussed considerations and techniques, including best practices, employed to engineer appropriate backup power and backhaul for cell sites, and detailed risk assessments conducted by carriers to determine the variety and likelihood of natural and man-made incidents in their markets. In addition, CTIA explained that carriers’ long history of operating in many different areas provides a detailed understanding of critical communications needs, such as evacuation routes, where first responders request coverage and average restoration intervals for other critical infrastructure utilities (*e.g.*, landline backhaul and commercial power).

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission’s Rules, this letter and presentation are being electronically filed with your office. If you have any questions regarding this submission, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

/s/ Brian M. Josef

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cc: David Furth
Jean Ann Collins