



March 8, 2010

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

Ex Parte Notice

In the Matter of a National Broadband Plan for Our Future, GN Docket Nos. 09-47, 09-51, and 09-137

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Friday, March 5, 2010, Jill Canfield and Karlen Reed, Senior Regulatory Counsels with the National Telecommunications Cooperative Association (NTCA), met via conference call with Jennifer Manner and Lisa Fowlkes, Deputy Bureau Chiefs of the FCC's Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau.¹

During this call, the participants discussed public safety, cybersecurity and emergency alert issues raised in the national broadband plan. Ms. Canfield and Ms. Reed also discussed the potential impact of several public safety and alert issues on NTCA's membership, most of whom have obligations to provide emergency alerts to their customers and some of whom hold 700 MHz licenses or would be interested in participating in future spectrum auctions and roaming across the 700 MHz band.

¹ NTCA is a premier industry association representing rural telecommunications providers. Established in 1954 by eight rural telephone companies, today NTCA represents 585 rural rate-of-return regulated telecommunications providers. All of NTCA's members are full service rural local exchange carriers (LECs) and many of its members provide wireless, cable, Internet, satellite and long distance services to their communities. Each member is a "rural telephone company" as defined in the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (Act). NTCA's members are dedicated to providing competitive modern telecommunications services and ensuring the economic future of their rural communities.

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Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, a copy of this letter is being filed via ECFS with your office. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (703) 351-2146.

Sincerely,

/s/ Karlen Reed

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