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Ms. Marlene Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: GN Docket No. 09-47, GN Docket No. 09-51; GN Docket 09-137
PS Docket No. 06-150, PS Docket No. 06-229

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules, this letter is to inform the Commission that on Monday, March 15, 2010 several representatives of public safety agencies and national organizations met with staff of the Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau and the Commission's National Broadband Plan team. A list of meeting participants is attached. The meeting was held at the request of Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau Chief James Barnett to discuss key elements of the National Broadband Plan pertinent to public safety.

A presentation was provided by the following FCC representatives: Jennifer Manner, Stagg Newman, Tom Peters, Pat Amedio, and John Peha. Chief Barnett presented an introduction outlining the key public safety elements of the National Broadband Plan, including the objectives of creating a national public safety wireless broadband network and funding essential to building and operating the network. The FCC's PowerPoint presentation was the same presentation used at an earlier meeting on March 9, 2010 (*see* March 11, 2010 *ex parte* letter submitted by NENA) and has been made available on the FCC's website.

Three specific areas of the public safety portion of the National Broadband plan were presented and provided the foundation of the discussion. The three elements discussed were: (1) administrative/technical aspect of the plan, including an incentive-based partner program as well as roaming on commercial networks and priority access when utilizing commercial networks; (2) the Emergency Response Interoperability Center (ERIC); and (3) funding, both for constructing the public safety broadband network and operating the network.

The FCC representatives presented key elements of the model they used in developing the recommendations that will be part of the National Broadband Plan. Key elements presented

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were increasing redundancy and reliability of the public safety broadband network, improved capacity and performance, and reduced costs for public safety agencies as well as state and local governments. A discussion followed on each of these elements.

Public safety and FCC representatives engaged in discussion based on the FCC's presentation. Additionally, public safety representatives explained their existing and future broadband spectrum needs and the economic and performance benefits of contiguous spectrum.

Please contact the undersigned should the Commission have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

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