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Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Room TWA325
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: Notification of *Ex Parte* Communications
PS Docket No. 06-229**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

The Public Safety Spectrum Trust Corporation ("PSST") hereby provides notice of permitted *ex parte* communications. On March 29, 2010, Chief Harlin R. McEwen, Chairman of the PSST, participated in a telephone conference meeting conducted by the FCC's Public Safety & Homeland Security Bureau (PSHSB). Participating in the meeting were staff of the PSHSB and other FCC staff, along with invited public safety participants. Details of the meeting and a list of meeting participants will be filed in the record by the FCC Public Safety & Homeland Security Bureau.

The primary purpose of the meeting was to discuss issues related to the FCC's recent proposals for public safety priority access and roaming for a nationwide public safety broadband network.

In the meeting, Chief McEwen raised concerns that the FCC proposals bring new and possibly unnecessary complexity to these issues. He explained that over the past 2-3 years there have been several discussions relative to priority access and roaming between the PSST (the nationwide Public Safety Broadband Licensee) and potential commercial partners. The discussions were always centered on the expectation that the PSST would negotiate a solution for priority access and roaming with the commercial partners of a shared network. If the D Block is allocated by Congress to the nationwide public safety license, then the PSST has proposed that the commercial partner(s) would be identified through a PSST-conducted RFP process. If the D Block is auctioned, the commercial partner(s) would be identified as the D Block license holder(s) following an auction.

In regards to roaming, the goal of the PSST has been to not build some new public safety roaming service but instead to take advantage of current roaming services already in place by the commercial carriers. This would result in nationwide roaming agreements that would eliminate the need for thousands of public safety agencies to negotiate their own roaming agreements.

In regards to priority access, the goal of the PSST has been to negotiate the terms of such access with commercial partners in the same manner as roaming services. The PSST has always advocated that priority access would have two primary requirements. The first requirement is that all public safety users would always have priority access to the network when under duress (*i.e.*, firefighter trapped or injured in a building, law enforcement officer being shot at or injured). The second requirement is for locally managed priority access at a local incident. This would be managed by public safety communication leaders at the scene of an incident and under the supervision of the incident commander. With our understanding of the option of multiple levels of priority access using Long Term Evolution (LTE) technology, the PSST continues to believe that it should and will be responsible for developing a priority access scheme that would be implemented at the local level.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules, I am filing this notice electronically in the above-referenced dockets. Please contact me directly with any questions.

Respectfully submitted,



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