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**Via ECFS**

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: CC Docket No. 01-92  
WC Docket No. 10-90  
WC Docket No. 07-135  
WC Docket No. 05-337  
WC Docket No. 03-109  
GN Docket No. 09-51  
WT Docket No. 05-265  
WT Docket No. 06-150  
RM-11497  
RM-11626**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On April 19, 2011, Ron Smith, President of Bluegrass Cellular; Patrick Riordan, President and CEO of Cellcom; and the undersigned (“participants”) met with Zachary Katz, Legal Advisor to the Chairman, to discuss ongoing issues before the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission) including Universal Service Fund reform, roaming, and 700 MHz band issues such as interoperability and potential interference concerns.

In the meeting, participants discussed the challenges rural and regional carriers face in continuing to provide robust wireless services to their customers. Participants stressed the importance of roaming to provide nationwide access to meet customer expectations. Regarding proposed reforms to the Universal Service Fund, participants strongly opposed the use of reverse auctions for distribution of Universal Service support and encouraged the continued support of wireless services through the Universal Service program.

Participants urged the Commission to support build-out throughout the 700 MHz band by prohibiting future licensing of TV broadcast stations on Channel 51, freezing current applications for such operation, and acceleration of the clearance of Channel 51 whereby incumbent Channel 51 broadcasters would reach voluntary agreements to relocate to an alternate channel. Participants strongly encouraged the Commission to act on interoperability for devices across the 700 MHz band to support build-out and a device ecosystem amenable to all 700 MHz licensees.

This *ex parte* notification is being filed electronically with your office pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's Rules.

Sincerely,

/s/

Tim Donovan  
VP, Legislative Affairs

cc: Zachary Katz (via email)  
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