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EX PARTE MEMORANDUM

May 9, 2011

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 – 12th Street, SW, Room TW-A325
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Empowering Consumers to Avoid Bill Shock, GC Docket No. 10-207;
Consumer Information and Disclosure, GC Docket No. 09-158

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On May 9, 2011, the undersigned, representing the American Association of Paging Carriers (AAPC), had a conference call regarding the above-referenced proceeding with Colleen Heitkamp, Chief, and Richard D. Smith, Consumer Policy Division, Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau.

In the conference call, AAPC outlined its position as set forth in its comments that the proposed “bill shock” rules should not apply to paging carriers because the paging industry does not serve the consumer market, because its pricing practices do not lead to “bill shock” for its customers, and because nothing in the record referenced by the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking suggests that paging customers have experienced “bill shock”. AAPC reiterated that if the Commission decides to adopt any new rules applicable to CMRS providers to combat “bill shock,” it should apply them only to “covered CMRS” providers, as defined in Section 52.21(d) of the rules, and not to paging carriers.

Respectfully submitted,

s/Kenneth E. Hardman

cc: Colleen Heitkamp, Esq.
Richard D. Smith, Esq.