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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 Friday, July 15, 2011, Chief Harlin R. McEwen, Chairman of the PSST, and Mark W. Brennan of Hogan Lovells US LLP, counsel to the PSST, had a conference call with Jamie Barnett, Jennifer Manner, Pat Amodio, Gene Fullano, and Yoon Chang of the FCC's Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau ("PSHSB").

The purpose of the call was to discuss a series of events that had occurred during the week related to Public Land Mobile Network Identifiers ("PLMN IDs"). Specifically, Mr. McEwen reported that he had been informed that the State of Texas (which has been granted an early broadband deployment waiver by the PSHSB and has entered into a long-term *de facto* lease with the PSST) applied for a PLMN ID assignment but was denied the assignment by the ATIS IOC because it is not the license holder of the 700 MHz public safety broadband spectrum. Mr. McEwen added, however, that the test PLMN ID numbers assigned by the ATIS IOC, one of which is currently used by the Public Safety Communications Research Program, are available for use by the State of Texas and other PSST lessees. Chief McEwen then explained that the PSST was being encouraged by the Waiver Recipients to apply for a PLMN ID. The PSHSB staff said that the PSST should not do so because, in their view, it was not eligible for a PLMN ID. The staff added that they did not believe the PSST is eligible for a PLMN ID because it is not a network operator and noted the FCC's stay of certain rules as part of the *Third Report and Order* in this proceeding. Mr. McEwen explained that he believes the public safety community is uniting around a single, nationwide network approach rather than a network of networks approach, but PSHSB staff indicated that they prefer a network of networks approach.

Mr. Brennan also had a separate conference call with Ms. Manner and Mr. Fullano later that same day. During that call, the PSHSB staff indicated their view that



even before the FCC released the *Third Report and Order*, the PSST was not authorized to build a network nor seen as a network operator, noting the FCC's *Second Report and Order* and the rules adopted therein.

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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Harlin R. McEwen".

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