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

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In re Amendments of Parts 1, 2, 22, 24, 27, 90 of the Commission's Rules to improve
Wireless Coverage Through the Use of Signal Boosters

Dear Ms. Dortch:

The National Emergency Number Association (NENA) hereby replies to the comments filed in WT Docket No. 10-4. In particular, NENA supports the joint proposal by Verizon Wireless and Wilson Electronics.

The joint proposal has three features that motivate NENA's support: First, it creates a framework within which the Commission can ensure that future signal boosters do not interfere with critical public safety systems or block access to 9-1-1 by interfering with CMRS networks. Second, the proposal would continue to allow the use of lower-powered "Consumer Boosters" such as those commonly used by emergency responders in areas with patchy or weak coverage. Finally, NENA believes the joint proposal adequately balances the interests of the electronics manufacturing community, wireless carriers, and public safety agencies by improving access to communications networks, minimizing the likelihood of harmful interference, and minimizing the cost of signal boosters in areas where such devices can be beneficial. NENA therefore commends the joint proposal to the Commission's consideration, and urges the Commission to act quickly to secure the benefits of signal boosters to the public and the public safety community while protecting the rights of wireless network operators and spectrum licensees.

Sincerely,



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