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Chief, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: Request for Extension of Response Deadline Stated in Your October 12, 2011
Letter with Questions Relating to the State of Texas Request for a PLMN ID
PS Docket No. 06-229**

Dear Admiral Barnett,

In your October 12, 2011 letter to me containing questions related to the State of Texas request for a Public Land Mobile Network identifier (PLMN ID), you asked for a response by this Friday, October 21, 2011. This letter is to respectfully request an extension to Monday, November 7, 2011. In addition to presenting some highly complex questions, the far-reaching nature of the topics in your letter compels us to reach out to our nationwide public safety broadband community partners for their thoughts as we formulate our response. We are aware of the need to continue the forward momentum, so it is our intention to prepare and submit a response to you by November 7, 2011. If we need time beyond that date, we will notify you by November 3, 2011.

Please be informed that we may need clarification on a couple of the questions presented. As your letter instructs, we will contact Jennifer Manner directly on those if assistance is deemed necessary.

We are not proposing any changes in dates previously provided to the Commission as they relate to the 1) need of the PLMN ID, and 2) expected date for “availability of service” to public safety users of the first phase of the Harris County BIG-Net LTE project.

Respectfully submitted for the State of Texas (waiver recipient),

/s/ Michael Simpson

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