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VIA ELECTRONIC COMMENT FILING SYSTEM (ECFS)

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

Re: WC Docket No. 11-59: Acceleration of Broadband Deployment Expanding the Reach and Reducing the Cost of Broadband Deployment by Improving Policies Regarding Public Rights of Way and Wireless Facilities Siting

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On October 26, 2011, Steve Traylor, NATOA Executive Director; Ken Fellman, NATOA Immediate Past President; and Barry Fraser, NATOA Board Member, met with the following representatives from the Wireless and Wireline Competition bureaus: Deena Shetler, Claudia Pabo, Tim Stelzig, Donald Johnson, Matthew Warner, Stephen Delsordo, Jeffrey Steinberg, William Dever, Dan Abeyta, Wesley Platt, and Zivile Stubryte. We discussed the status of the above-referenced proceeding.

One issue raised was a proposed DAS educational seminar tentatively scheduled for late January 2012. The seminar grew out of issues raised in the comments regarding the deployment of DAS systems and how the Commission could facilitate a forum to discuss the deployment needs of providers in conjunction with the rights of way management policies and requirements of local governments.

Also discussed were the four major areas of interest identified by Commission staffers from a review of the comments to date: 1) DAS deployment and permitting; 2) collocation of wireless facilities; 3) problems with federal government permitting processes; and 4) "outlying" practices (issues not found on a widespread basis), such as consultant use and RF emissions. In addition, some concerns were raised with state regulatory oversight practices.

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We also discussed issues related to the potential build-out of a nationwide interoperable public safety broadband network, such as the preemption of local rights of way authority, and were advised of a report on tower sharing and collocation on public safety towers in Hanover County, Virginia.

Pursuant to Commission rules, please include a copy of this notice in the record for the proceeding noted above.

Sincerely,
/s/ Steve Traylor
Executive Director
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cc: Deena Shetler
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