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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 - 12th Street, S.W.
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Ex Parte

Re: Notice of Ex Parte Presentation -- The Proposed Extension of Part 4 of the Commission's Rules Regarding Outage Reporting to Interconnected Voice Over Internet Protocol Service Providers and Broadband Internet Service Providers, PS Docket No. 11-82; Implementing a Nationwide, Broadband, Interoperable Public Safety Network in the 700 MHz Band , WT Docket No. 06-150, PS Docket No. 06-229, WP Docket No. 07-100.

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On November 2, 2011, Tony Marshall of Progress Energy, Corey McClelland of San Diego Gas & Electric, and the undersigned on behalf of the Utilities Telecom Council (UTC) met with Jennifer Manner, Brian Hurley, Greg Intoccia, Genaro Fullano and Lauren Kravetz of the Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau regarding matters in the above-referenced proceedings. The discussions were consistent with UTC's comments on the record in these proceedings.

During the meeting, UTC explained how utilities need reliable communications to support their core electric, gas and water services; and that extending network outage reporting requirements to broadband and interconnected VoIP services would provide metrics that would promote reliability of commercial services that utilities may use for smart grid and other applications.

UTC also discussed how utilities and other critical infrastructure industries could partner with public safety to share access to 700 MHz public safety broadband networks. UTC explained that utilities and public safety are good partners because they have similar communications needs and there are synergies that can be gained by sharing resources. UTC also explained that utilities serve an important public safety role during emergency response and that sharing 700 MHz public safety broadband networks would promote interoperability with public safety. Moreover, sharing is technically feasible because LTE technologies can support various levels of priority access, enabling public safety and utilities to communicate during emergencies, as well as routine operations. Therefore, UTC urged the Commission to allow utilities to share 700 MHz public safety broadband networks.

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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully,

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