



January 19, 2012

EX PARTE NOTICE

Via Electronic Filing
Ms. Marlene Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

RE: *In the Matter of Facilitating the Deployment of Text-to-911 and Other Next Generation 911 Applications, PS Docket No. 11-153; Framework for Next Generation 911 Deployment, PS Docket No. 10-255*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On January 17, 2012, the undersigned and John Snapp, Intrado Senior Technical Officer, met with David Furth, Patrick Donovan, David Siehl, Jerome Stanshine, John Healy, Henning Schulzrinne and Erika Olsen of the Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau and Cheryl King of the Consumer and Government Affairs Bureau.

The attendees discussed the ex parte filing made by the Alliance for Telecommunications Industry Solutions (ATIS) on December 20, 2011. Intrado clarified that while it was pleased to participate in the ATIS Interim Non-Voice Emergency Services (INES) effort to identify an interim solution, it does not support IP Relay as a single solution for text-based emergency communications. Intrado expressed concerns that IP Relay is not available to many users because the phones on which the application runs are limited and because, in addition to the cost of the phones, users must purchase data plans. With respect to ATIS's alternative recommendation of a SMS to a National 911 Clearinghouse, Intrado explained that any such approach would be appropriate if it was done in a manner that created a path toward NG 911 and provided the enhancements that make SMS reliable, such as those discussed in Intrado's comments.

The attendees also discussed the comments filed by Intrado, specifically how Intrado envisioned SMS text would be deployed in stages, including the ability to use cell tower location for routing and the possibility of XY location in the future, the cost associated with a direct SMS text to 911 deployment, as well as an SMS text deployment using a relay center, and how messages could be linked using the 911 message center.¹

¹ See Comments of Intrado Inc., filed in the above referenced proceedings on December 12, 2011, pp. 7-8, 13-16, 17-18.



Sincerely,

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