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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 - 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Ex Parte

Re: Notice of Ex Parte Presentation -- 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; 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; Implementation of Section 224 of the Act, WC Docket No. 07-245.

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On February 2, 2012, Jeffrey Sheldon representing Southern Company Services, John A. Haysbert of Duke Energy, Sonya Baskerville of Tennessee Valley Authority, Martha Duggan of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA), James Crandall and Greg Kunkle on behalf of the American Petroleum Institute, and Neha Shah and the undersigned on behalf of the Utilities Telecom Council (UTC) met with Zac Katz and Michael Steffen of the Office of Chairman Genachowski to discuss matters related to the above-referenced proceedings.

During the meeting, the participants explained that they were members of the Critical Infrastructure Communications Coalition and that they have a common interest in maintaining infrastructure reliability and the reliability of their communications networks that support the safe and efficient delivery of essential electric, gas and water and petroleum services to the public at large. They explained that they all support the FCC's proposed rules to extend network outage reporting requirements to broadband and VoIP services, which will promote the reliability of those services for use by utilities and other critical infrastructure industries, such as pipeline companies. They also explained that they support the FCC's goal in developing public-private partnerships with public safety to accelerate the deployment of 700 MHz public safety broadband networks, which will also help to support their needs for access to spectrum to support smart grid and other advanced networks. Finally, they explained that they support rules for access to pole attachments that promote infrastructure safety and reliability.

The attached presentation was distributed during the meeting. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully,

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cc: Zac Katz  
Michael Steffen