

# NENA

## The 9-1-1 Association

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

February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2012

**RE: NOTICE OF EX PARTE PRESENTATION**

PS Docket Nos. 11-153 & 10-255,

*In re* Facilitating the Deployment of Text-to-9-1-1 and Other Next Generation 9-1-1 Applications; Framework for Next Generation 9-1-1 Deployment

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Thursday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2012, representatives of NENA: The 9-1-1 Association participated in a *ex parte* discussion with officials from the Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau and the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau. Brian Fontes, NENA CEO, and Roger Hixson, Technical Issues Director, participated by conference call; Trey Forgety, Director of Government Affairs, participated in person. Present for PSHSB were: Patrick Donovan, David Furth, Erin Garza, John Healy, Sean Lev, Erica Olson, and Jerome Stanshine; CGB was represented by Cheryl King and Karen Strauss. Finally, the Commission's CTO, Henning Schulzrinne participated as well.

During this meeting, NENA relayed its view that while there exists a substantial strain of caution in the initial comments received by the Commission in the above-referenced dockets, the public and the disability community should not be asked to accept a delay of seven to ten years before text-to-9-1-1 becomes a reality. NENA further stated that, at this time, no review of existing text-to-9-1-1 solutions has been undertaken in sufficient detail or sufficiently absent artificial constraints to permit NENA to articulate specific recommendations about which solutions are operationally and economically viable for PSAPs, consumers, and carriers. NENA committed, however, to conducting such a review with respect to PSAPs (at a minimum) and to communicate its findings to the Commission in short order. Finally, NENA also explained its ongoing efforts to ensure compatibility between IMS-based access networks and originating services and i3-based NG9-1-1 applications, including efforts to ensure the use of common terminology and functional definitions, and to foster alignment between standards developed by NENA, 3GPP, and ATIS.

Sincerely,



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Director of Government Affairs

cc: Patrick Donovan, David Furth, Erin Garza, John Healy, Cheryl King, Sean Lev, Erica Olson, Jerome Stanshine, Karen Straus,