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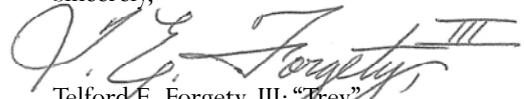
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RE: Notice of *ex parte* presentation in P.S. Docket Nos. 10-255 & 11-153.

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Monday, February 13th, 2012, Brian Fontes, CEO of NENA: The 9-1-1 Association, and I met with David Furth and Patrick Donovan of the Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau. During that meeting, we discussed issues the Commission might face as it seeks to craft rules governing the long-term transition to text-capable 9-1-1 systems. In particular, NENA emphasized the need to provide appropriate incentives for investment in long-term solutions such as NG9-1-1 systems, on the part of public safety agencies, and advanced communications networks, on the part of carriers. NENA expressed particular concern that any rules adopted fairly address the capability gap between PSAPs with essentially analog-only telephony service, transitional or “IP-enabled” PSAPs, and PSAPs operating on NG9-1-1 systems using advanced Emergency Services IP Networks (ESInets). NENA also expressed its preference that any interim text solution(s) adopted by the commission provide PSAPs and carriers a clear and inexpensive upgrade path as capabilities evolve in originating and terminating networks and facilities. Finally, NENA explained the need for any interim solution to provide, at minimum, Phase I-equivalent location capability to ensure accurate routing of 9-1-1 “calls,” and to provide responders with at least some information on which to base dispatching decisions.

Sincerely,



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