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

Re: Notice of Ex Parte Communication, EB Docket No. 04-296

On February 23, 2012, Jim Heminway, Chief Operating Officer of Monroe Electronics ("Monroe"), and Edward Czarnecki, Senior Director for Strategy, Development and Regulatory Affairs for Monroe, met with Greg Cooke, Eric Ehrenreich and Dave Munson of the FCC Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau to discuss EAS CAP compliance under the recently adopted Fifth Report and Order in the above-captioned proceeding.¹ Specifically, we discussed several issues relating to the certification of existing and new (future) equipment under those rules.

First, we voiced our gratitude for the continued efforts of the Commission to enhance the nation's Emergency Alert System, and updating the Part 11 rules governing EAS. We earnestly believe that the success of the EAS system will in large part depend on the rules being issued by the FCC. We noted our support for the streamlined EAS equipment certification process detailed in the Fifth Report and Order as being both straightforward and effective. As a manufacturer of integrated CAP EAS encoder/decoders, we stated our intention to submit our Class II permissive change filing, plus copies of our existing Suppliers Declaration of Conformity (SDoC), at the earliest possible time.

We noted the role the equipment certification process will play vis-à-vis both existing EAS manufacturers and potential new equipment providers in the future, whether those be smaller domestic firms or overseas manufacturers, and the need to ensure equal treatment of both existing and future manufacturers under the certification process. We also noted the strong possibility of future product modifications and upgrades in response to new CAP, network and security requirements, and how future modifications of CAP EAS equipment might fit into the FCC certification requirements.

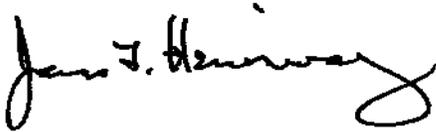
¹ Review of the Emergency Alert System, EB Docket No. 04-296, Fifth Report and Order (Jan. 10, 2012).

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In sum, we noted that we are encouraged by the actions of the Commission in the issuance of the Fifth Report and Order, and believe that adequate time exists to allow manufacturers to meet the streamlined certification guidelines. While additional regulatory clarifications may be needed as the CAP EAS process evolves, we believe that the Commission's Fifth Report and Order establishes an excellent basis for that process.

Respectfully Submitted,



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