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

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

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Wednesday, March 14th, 2012, Brian Fontes, CEO of NENA: The 9-1-1 Association, and I met with Amy Levin of the Office of the Chairman and Sean Lev of the Office of General Counsel. During that meeting, we discussed practical challenges that PSAPs may face should the Commission mandate the deployment SMS-to-9-1-1 capabilities in originating service provider networks. Specifically, we explained that some PSAP equipment such as log recorders may require upgrades in order to handle SMS text, depending on a particular PSAP's posture with respect to NG9-1-1 readiness. In response to questions about further upgrades that may be required, we stated that NENA would conduct a series of calls with our chapter leadership to gain a clearer picture of what PSAP compliance with an SMS mandate would entail, and to more accurately gauge the readiness and willingness of 9-1-1 authorities to comply with such a mandate, were one issued.

Sincerely,



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