

April 23, 2012

VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

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

Re: *Notice of Ex Parte Presentation, PS Docket No. 12-94*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On April 19, 2012, Jeffrey Marks of Alcatel-Lucent met with Louis Peraertz, Legal Advisor in the office of Commissioner Mignon Clyburn. Mr. Marks asserted that the Commission has continued authority to permit the current waiver recipients to deploy public safety broadband networks (PSBNs), as well as to permit additional jurisdictions to commence early PSBN deployment. Mr. Marks urged that the Commission not cancel pending public safety waiver applications, which apparently is being proposed, but rather allow waiver applicants to go forward with early deployments with appropriate conditions to ensure interoperability and integration into the forthcoming nationwide PSBN.

Mr. Marks described the public interest benefits of authorizing early deployment of the PSBN to expedite provision of critical communications capabilities to first-responders. Early deployment has the benefit of providing practical knowledge to inform the forthcoming build out of the nationwide PSBN, which can best be achieved through real-world experience. Furthermore, these deployments will leverage infrastructure and funding that could ease the burden on the scarce federal funds allocated to the forthcoming nationwide network.

Please contact the undersigned with any questions in connection with this submission.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

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cc: Louis Peraertz