

**Ward & Ward, P.C.**

*Michael W. Ward*  
847-682-3100 (cell)  
mwward@dnsys.com

*John F. Ward, Jr.,*  
*of Counsel*  
312-479-1800 (cell)  
jward@leverlerllc.com

August 1, 2012

By Electronic Filing

Ex Parte Presentation

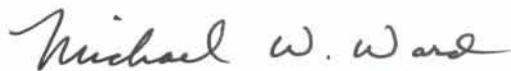
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W., TW-A325  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: CC Docket No. 96-128  
Illinois Public Telecommunications Association Petition for Declaratory Ruling

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On August 1, 2012 Michael W. Ward, General Counsel of the Illinois Public Telecommunications Association, had a discussion with Michael Steffen, Legal Advisor to Chairman Julius Genachowski, on the Association's position on the above Petition as fully summarized in the attached documents and the Illinois Public Telecommunications Association Reply To AT&T And Verizon Preemption Comments Of March 23, 2009, filed December 31, 2009, posted January 4, 2010.

Sincerely,



Michael W. Ward

cc: Michael Steffen

**Ward & Ward, P.C.**  
One Rotary Center  
1560 Sherman Avenue, Suite 805  
Evanston, IL 60201  
224-420-9766