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November 9, 2012

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

Ex Parte

Re: Notice of Ex Parte Presentation -- In the Matter of Amendment of Part 90 of the Commission's Rules Implementing a Nationwide, Broadband, Interoperable Public Safety Network in the 700 MHz Band Service Rules for the 698-746, 747-762 and 777-792 MHz Bands (WP Docket No. 07-100, PS Docket No. 06-229, and WT Docket No. 06-150).

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On November 9, 2012, Nadya Bartol and the undersigned on behalf of UTC and members of the UTC Board of Directors met with the following representatives from the FCC in connection with the above-referenced proceeding: David Turetsky, Gene Fullano, Rasoul Zafavian, Zenji Nakazawa, Brian Hurley, Thomas Eng, Behzad Ghaffari, Roberto Mussenden, Erika Olson and Michael Wilhelm from the Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau; and Charles Mathias from the Office of the Chairman. The members of the UTC Board of Directors that attended the meeting are listed on the attachment.

During the meeting, UTC explained that utilities support expanding eligibility in the 4.9 GHz to include critical infrastructure industry entities on a primary basis, which would make effective and efficient use of the band as well as complement the 700 MHz band as a backhaul solution. UTC explained that utilities have increasing communications needs to support smart grid and other utility applications, and they need access to the 4.9 GHz spectrum to provide capacity for a variety of fixed and mobile operations. UTC described a variety of potential utility use cases for the 4.9 GHz band to illustrate how utilities could make effective use of the band. UTC also emphasized the importance of communications reliability for utilities, including the need for primary status and priority access particularly during emergencies. Finally, UTC urged the Commission to promote greater use of the band by allowing primary status for fixed point-to-point and point-to-multipoint non-broadband operations, as well as higher power and wider channels for fixed operations generally.

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These discussions were consistent with UTC's comments on the record in this proceeding.
Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned if you have any questions.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brett Kilbourne". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the word "Respectfully,".

Brett Kilbourne

cc: David Turetsky
Charles Mathias
Gene Fullano
Rasoul Safavian
Zenji Nakazawa
Brian Hurley
Thomas Eng
Behzad Ghaffari
Roberto Mussenden
Erika Olson
Michael Wilhelm

Attachment

UTC Board of Directors Participating in the Meeting with the Public Safety and Homeland Security
Bureau

1. Roger Bryant, Southern Company
2. Kathy Nelson, Great River Energy
3. T. Michael Quinn, Oncor Electric Delivery
4. Todd Oney, Nashville Electric Service
5. Leonard Leech, Nashville Electric Service
6. Jason Griffith, American Electric Power
7. Cliff Burns, NiSource
8. Scott Hughes, Great River Energy
9. Doug McGinnis, Exelon Corporation
10. Chuck Hackney, CenterPoint Energy
11. Doug Young, Westar Energy