



July 26, 2013

**Ex Parte**

Ms. Marlene Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: **Improving 9-1-1 Reliability, PS Dkt. No. 13-75; Reliability and Continuity of Communications Networks, Including Broadband Technologies; PS Dkt. No. 11-60**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On July 24, 2013, representatives of USTelecom and member companies met with Jeffery Goldthorp, Eric Schmidt, and Cecilia Mateo of the Commission's Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau. Representing the industry in this meeting, either in person or by conference call, were the following: Stacy Hartman of CenturyLink; Nneka Chiazor and Mark Montano of Verizon; Malena Barzilai and Lee Elliott of Windstream; Joe Marx, Anisa Latif and William Brown of AT&T; Anthony Jones and the undersigned of USTelecom.

USTelecom requested this meeting to obtain staff clarifications in relation to the reliability and resiliency recommendations outlined in the pending Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) in the above referenced dockets. We noted, for example, that in some instances best practices may involve maintaining fuel for back-up generators at less than capacity for safety reasons. We urged the Commission to allow for flexibility for such practices where appropriate.

Pursuant to section 1.206(b)(1) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b)(1), this *ex parte* notification is being filed for inclusion in the public record of the above referenced proceeding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Glenn Reynolds".

Glenn Reynolds  
Vice President, Policy

cc: Jeffrey Goldthorp  
Eric Schmidt  
Ceclila Mateo