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

April 24th, 2013

RE:Docket No. 11-153, Facilitating the Deployment of Text to 9-1-1

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Tuesday, August 20th, 2013, I made an ex parte presentation to David Furth of the Commission's Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau. In that presentation, I explained that NENA: The 9-1-1 Association does not oppose the petition of CTIA: The Wireless Association for reconsideration of the Commission's "Bounce-Back" order in the above-captioned proceeding. During that presentation, I explained that NENA is convinced the long-term safety and security of the public requires a ubiquitous Text-to-9-1 solution that works across networks, regardless of whether a subscriber is attached to a home or roaming network. However, I also explained that CTIA's position with respect to the limited question of which party should be responsible for delivering a bounce-back message is consistent with the understanding of the public safety community. In particular, I explained that the roaming limitations of existing SMS systems were understood by the parties to the agreement NENA negotiated with the four largest wireless carriers and APCO, and with the understanding of NENA's EAAC text working group member, Roger Hixson, and with the understanding of NENA's participants in an ongoing working group established by the carriers, NENA, and APCO to facilitate the introduction of Text-to-9-1-1. Consequently, I explained that clarification of responsibility requested by CTIA would, in NENA's view, be appropriate.

Please contact me, as below, if you have any questions concerning this presentation.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures