



# Texas 9-1-1 Alliance

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Marlene Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Technology Transitions Policy Task Force, GN Docket No. 13-5  
Framework for Next Generation 911 Deployment, PS Docket No. 10-255

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Monday February 24, 2014, Lavergne Schwender, Stan Heffernan, Mike Hayes, Roger Hauck, and Tino Fonseca from the Greater Harris County 9-1-1 Emergency Network (GHC); Bill Buchholtz and Mike Pedigo from the Bexar Metro 9-1-1 District (Bexar Metro); James Goerke from the Texas 9-1-1 Alliance; and I as representatives of the respective Texas Emergency Communication Districts and the Texas 9-1-1 Alliance<sup>1</sup> met via conference call with David Furth, Erika Olsen, Nicole McGinnis, Tim May, David Siehl, Eric Ehrenreich, and Dana Zelman from the Public Safety & Homeland Security Bureau; Matthew DelNero, Tim Stelzig, and Jean Ann Collins from the Wireline Competition Bureau; and Henning Schulzrinne from the Office of Strategic Planning & Policy Analysis. The purpose of the conference call was to discuss how GHC, Bexar Metro, and possibly other Texas 9-1-1 entities could potentially assist the Commission in the above-referenced dockets on the Time-division Multiplexing (TDM) to Internet Protocol (IP) wire center trials and with the structured observation of Next Generation 9-1-1 (NG9-1-1) deployments.

As initial background, there was a brief overview on the current status of some 9-1-1 projects in Texas -- including 9-1-1 data projects within Texas on transitioning towards NG9-1-1; the AT&T SoTex Next Generation 9-1-1 Emergency Services IP Network (ESInet) in central Texas; the IP network and testing of Emergency Services Routing Proxy (ESRP) functions by GHC; and other ongoing transitional deployments in Texas (such as the Denco Area 9-1-1 District's Advanced Intelligent Network 9-1-1 migration with Intrado). There was also discussion about whether there might be a wire center trial in Texas, and when it could reasonably be anticipated that an ESInet in Texas would be able to accept direct IP to the Border Control Function (BCF) from desiring wireless carriers now that the Alliance for

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<sup>1</sup> The Texas 9-1-1 Alliance is an interlocal cooperation entity composed of 25 Texas Emergency Communication Districts with E9-1-1 service and public safety responsibility for approximately 60% of the population of Texas. These emergency communication districts were created pursuant to Texas Health and Safety Code Chapter 772 and are defined under Texas Health and Safety Code § 771.001(3)(B).

Telecommunications Industry Solutions (ATIS) standard is in its final ballot stage. The conference call concluded with discussion of ways to potentially gather and regularly report and update helpful data to the Commission related to NG9-1-1 deployment issues and the type and granularity of such data.

In accordance with the Commission's rules, this letter is being filed electronically with the Secretary for inclusion in the public record.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

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