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Via Electronic Filing

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

RE: ***Ex Parte Presentation***

GN Docket No. 09-47, GN Docket No. 09-51; GN Docket 09-137

PS Docket No. 06-150, PS Docket No. 06-229

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules, this letter is to inform the Commission that on Tuesday, March 9, 2010 several representatives of public safety agencies and national organizations met with staff of the Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau and the Commission's National Broadband Plan team.¹ The meeting was held at the request of Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau Chief James Barnett to discuss key elements of the National Broadband Plan pertinent to public safety.

A presentation was provided by the following FCC representatives: Jennifer Manner, Staggs Newman, Tom Peters, Pat Amedio, Michael Iandolo and John Peha. Chief Barnett presented an introduction outlining the key public safety elements of the National Broadband Plan, including the objectives of creating a national public safety wireless broadband network and funding essential to building and operating the network. The presentation will be made available on the FCC's website.

Three specific areas of the public safety portion of the National Broadband plan were presented and provided the foundation of the discussion. The three elements discussed were: (1) administrative/technical aspect of the plan, including an incentive-based partner program as well as roaming on commercial networks and priority access when utilizing commercial networks; (2) the Emergency Response Interoperability Center (ERIC); and (3) funding, both for constructing the public safety broadband network and operating the network.

The FCC representatives presented key elements of the model they used in developing the recommendations that will be part of the National Broadband Plan. Key elements presented were increasing redundancy and reliability of the public safety broadband network, improved capacity and performance, and reduced costs for public safety agencies as well as state and local governments. A discussion followed on each of these elements.

¹ The appended sign-up sheets list the attendees at the meeting.

Public safety and FCC representatives engaged in discussion based on the FCC's presentation. Additionally, public safety representatives explained their existing and future broadband spectrum needs and the economic and performance benefits of contiguous spectrum.

Chief Barnett stated that an additional meeting with public safety representatives, per his request, will be held at the FCC on March 15, 2010.

Please direct any questions to the undersigned.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Brian L. Fontes". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Brian" and last name "Fontes" clearly legible.

Brian Fontes
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NBP Public Safety Meeting, 3/9/2010	
NAME	AFFILIATION
Chuck Dowd	NYPD
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Ted Dempsey	Northrop Grumman
Jeff Johnson	IAFC
Ajay Gupta	Northrop Grumman
Trey Forgety	DHS/OEC
Rishi Bhaskar	Alcatel-Lucent
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Terry Hall	APCO
Ralph Haller	NPSTC/FCCA
Tom Sorley	City of Houston
Lloyd Mitchell	FCCA
Jim Lundsted	FCCA
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Randall Rounds	LVMPD
Todd Johnson	City of Houston
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Pat Amedio	FCC
John Peha	FCC
Stagg Newman	FCC
Tom Peters	FCC
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