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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

**Re: Notice of *Ex Parte* Meeting; Improving Public Safety Communications
in the 800 MHz Band, WT Docket 02-55**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

This is to notify you that Michael Rosenthal, Holly Henderson and Alan McIntyre of Southern LINC and Christine Gill of McDermott, Will & Emery, met yesterday (July 16, 2002) with Thomas J. Sugrue, Shellie N. Blakeney and Michael Wilhelm of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau and Bruce A. Franca, Alan J. Scrimme and Geraldine Matisse of the Office of Engineering and Technology. The parties discussed the positions Southern put forth in its Comments in this proceeding: that 700 MHz is the best long-term solution for Public Safety interference; that rebanding at 800 MHz alone will not solve the interference problem; and that, if the Commission considers any 800 MHz rebanding plan, the plan must be spectrum neutral and competitively neutral.

In accordance with the Commission's rules, two copies of this *ex parte* notice are provided herewith for inclusion in the record of the above-referenced proceeding.

Very truly yours,

Christine M. Gill

cc: Thomas J. Sugrue
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