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March 11, 2003

Ms. Marlene Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
12th Street Lobby, TW-A325
Washington, DC 20554

***Re*: *Ex Parte* Presentation**
WT Docket No. 02-55, WT Docket No. 01-309, CC Docket No. 95-116, CC Docket No. 96-45, CC Docket No. 98-171, CC Docket No. 90-571, CC Docket No. 92-232, CC Docket No. 99-200, CC Docket No. 95-116, CC Docket No. 98-170

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On March 11, 2003, the Cellular Telecommunications & Internet Association ("CTIA") represented by Diane Cornell, Vice President for Regulatory Policy, and Christopher Guttman-McCabe, Director for Regulatory Policy, met with Barry Ohlson, Legal Advisor to Jonathan S. Adelstein. The representatives from CTIA gave an overview briefly of the issues of interest to the wireless industry as a background briefing for the Wireless 2003 convention.

In particular, the parties discussed CTIA's Comments and Reply Comments in the 800 MHz proceeding. CTIA reiterated its belief that the Joint Commenters' plan is deficient in that it does not provide an adequate, long-term solution to the interference problem, it does not provide Public Safety with upgraded equipment, it creates an unfair advantage for one carrier, and it could impose costly, unnecessary upgrades on CMRS carriers.

CTIA also discussed its January 23, 2003 petition for Declaratory Ruling on wireline-wireless porting currently pending before the Commission. With regard to Universal Service, CTIA stated that wireless carriers should be eligible to receive ETC status on a non-discriminatory basis, and that rural consumers benefit directly from the

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competition provided by CMRS carriers. Finally, with respect to Hearing Aid Compatibility, CTIA reiterated the arguments from its February 25, 2003 ex parte.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's Rules, an original and one copy of this letter is being filed with your office. If you have any questions concerning this submission, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

Diane J. Cornell

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cc: Barry Ohlson