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Cellular Telecommunications & Internet Association

March 13, 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. 92-237, CC Docket No. 99-200, CC Docket No. 95-116,
CC Docket No. 98-170

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On March 12, 2003, the Cellular Telecommunications & Internet Association ("CTIA"), represented by Diane Cornell, Vice President for Regulatory Policy, met with Bryan Tramont, Senior Legal Advisor to Chairman Michael Powell, Scott Delacourt, Legal Advisor, and in a separate meeting, Jennifer Manner, Senior Counsel to Commissioner Kathleen Abernathy. Diane Cornell and Christopher Guttman-McCabe, Director for Regulatory Policy, also met with Commissioner Michael Copps and Paul Margie, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Copps, as well as Sam Feder, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Kevin Martin. The representatives from CTIA gave a brief overview of the issues of interest to the wireless industry.

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:

- It does not provide an adequate, long-term solution to the interference problem;
- It provides an unfair advantage to Nextel;
- It does not provide Public Safety with upgraded equipment;
- 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, and that the Commission should maintain a revenues-based system for funding universal service. 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: Commissioner Michael Copps
Paul Margie
Bryan Tramont
Scott Delacourt
Jennifer Manner
Sam Feder

