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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
12th Street Lobby, TW-A325  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: *Ex Parte* Presentation  
WT Docket No. 02-55**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On December 18, 2003, the 800 MHz User Coalition Group, represented by Jill Lyon, President of the United Telecom Council, Diane Cornell, Vice President for Regulatory Policy, Cellular Telecommunications & Internet Association, Chris Guttman-McCabe, Director for Regulatory Policy, CTIA, Peter Tannenwald, Irwin, Campbell & Tannenwald PC for the City of Baltimore, Maryland, Jim Bugel, Executive Director, Government Affairs, Cingular Wireless, David Shively, Cingular Wireless, Rusty Williams, Southern Company, and Jason Griffith, American Electric Power, met representatives from the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, including John Muleta, Chief, Aaron Goldberger, Legal Advisor, Michael Wilhelm, Roberto Mussenden, Brian Marenco, and Ziad Sleem, as well as representatives from the Office of Engineering and Technology, including Ed Thomas, Chief, and Julius Knapp, Deputy Chief, to discuss the technical aspects of the 800 MHz plan.

The parties discussed the specific technical steps that would be entailed in implementing the Balanced Approach Plan, as detailed in the attached presentation. In the course of the discussion, representatives of the Balanced Approach Plan emphasized several advantages of their plan, as compared to competing plans:

- 800 MHz licensees interfering with public safety or other critical infrastructure providers would pay for whatever measures are necessary to fix the interference;
- Public Safety would be assured protection from interference, provided they complied with the FCC's technical rules;
- Public Safety would not suffer any additional cost or resource burden under the Balanced Approach Plan; and
- The Balanced Approach Plan defines a mechanism for determining who is the entity interfering with Public Safety, and requires that entity to pay for fixing the interference.



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

Sincerely,

*Diane Cornell*

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cc: Ed Thomas  
Julius Knapp  
John Muleta  
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