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Secretary  
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**Re: ET Docket No. 98-153  
Notification of *Ex Parte* Communications of  
Siemens VDO Automotive AG**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules, I am writing on behalf of Siemens VDO Automotive AG ("Siemens VDO") to notify you of an *ex parte* meeting that occurred on March 26, 2004 between representatives of Siemens VDO and a number of staff from the Office of Engineering and Technology ("OET"). At the meeting, the participants discussed issues raised in the Further Notice in this proceeding,<sup>1/</sup> including various technical alternatives that would allow operation of the Siemens VDO frequency hopping vehicular radar system in the 22-29 GHz band.

Participating in the meeting were: Julius Knapp, John Reed, Alan Scrimme, Rashmi Doshi, Ira Keltz, Karen Rackley, William Hurst, Ron Chase, and Steve Jones, all with OET; and Martin Kunert (by telephone), Mark Esherick, David Martin and myself, representing Siemens VDO.

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<sup>1/</sup> See Revision of Part 15 of the Commission's Rules Regarding Ultra-Wideband Transmission Systems, ET Docket 98-193, *Memorandum Opinion and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking*, FCC 03-33 (rel. Mar. 12, 2003) ("*Further Notice*").

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Respectfully submitted,

*/s/ Ari Q. Fitzgerald*

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