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Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Network Interconnection
Interoperability Forum

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Re: *Ex Parte* Presentation in WT Docket No. 01-309
Section 68.4(a) of the Commission's Rules Governing
Hearing Aid Compatible Telephones

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Dear Ms. Dortch:

Network Reliability
Steering Committee

On April 16, 2004, representatives from the Alliance for Telecommunications Industry Solutions ("ATIS") Incubator Solutions Program 4 dealing with Hearing Aid Compatibility issues ("AISP.4-HAC" or "HAC Incubator"), met with representatives from the Federal Communications Commission's ("FCC" or "Commission") Office of Engineering and Technology ("OET"). The purpose of the meeting was to provide an overview of the HAC Incubator program and a status report on the various projects this group has underway.

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In attendance, representing the OET, were: Julius Knapp, Deputy Chief, OET; Bruce Ramano, Associate Chief (Legal), OET; Rashmi Doshi, Chief, Laboratory Division, OET; Richard Fabina, Chief, Equipment Authorization Branch, OET; and Bill Hurst, Technical Research Branch Chief, OET. The individuals representing the HAC Incubator were: Steve Coston, Technical Manager, Regulatory Project Office, Sony Ericsson Mobile Communications; Mary Jones, Consultant, T-Mobile USA; Ron Scicluna, Engineering Manager, Etymotic Research, Inc. (representing the Hearing Industry Association); Scott Kelley, Senior Staff Engineer, Disability Access, Product Safety & Compliance, Motorola Personal Communications Sector; Susan Mazrui, Director, Federal Regulatory Affairs, Cingular Wireless; Jim Turner, Technical Coordinator, ATIS; and Megan Campbell, General Counsel, ATIS.

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During the meeting, the HAC Incubator representatives provided an overview of the group's purpose and processes. It was explained that the HAC Incubator is an industry technical body resolving hearing aid compatibility issues via a "fast-tracked" consensus process. A status report was also provided on labeling and testing activities. The discussion was consistent with the presentation materials distributed during the meeting (a copy of which is attached to this letter).

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Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b)(2) of the Commission's rules, one copy of this letter is being filed electronically for inclusion in the public record of the above-referenced proceeding.

If there are any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 434-8847 or via email at mcampbell@atis.org.

Sincerely,



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Attachment

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