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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
45 L Street NE
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: *Ex Parte Notice* – Distribution for Toll-Free Numbers (TFNs) Made Unavailable at the Direction of the Commission
Ex Parte Notification -- WC Docket No. 17-192, CC Docket No. 95-155

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On March 28, 2023, representatives from the Alliance for Telecommunications Industry Solutions (ATIS) SMS/800 Number Administration Committee (SNAC) met virtually with Marco Peraza, Wireline Advisor to Commissioner Simington, to discuss ATIS SNAC's request for guidance regarding the distribution for Toll-Free Numbers (TFNs) that have been made unavailable at the direction of the Federal Communications Commission (Commission).

The following representatives from ATIS SNAC were present at this meeting: Michael Gilbert ATIS SNAC Co-Chair, iconectiv; Heather Barrows, Vice President of Operations, 800 Response; Joel Bernstein, Vice President, Regulatory and Public Policy, Somos; Jackie Wohlgenuth, Director of Global Standards Development, ATIS; Jen Huynh, Coordinator, ATIS; and Thomas Goode, General Counsel, ATIS.

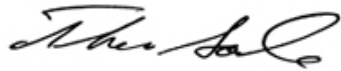
ATIS SNAC noted that, as explained in its June 28, 2022, *ex parte* in the above-referenced dockets, there are over 45,000 TFNs that have not been allocated. These unallocated TFNs, include over 30,000 "833" TFNs and nearly 16,000 "800" TFNs.

ATIS SNAC further explained that it has asked the Commission to instruct the Toll Free Numbering Administration to release the 15,978 "833" TFNs into the spare pool as soon as possible so they can be available to businesses who wish to use the numbers. ATIS SNAC explained that there had been no bidders for these numbers in the Commission's auction and that using the traditional first-come, first served allocation methodology would not unfairly impact those toll free customers that were allocated "833" numbers via the auction.

Given the anticipated demand for the "800" numbers, ATIS recommended that the Commission consider an equitable allocation method under which the unassigned "800" TFNs would be made eligible for allocation but with an allocation limit of 125 numbers per Resp Org (with all affiliates counted as a single Resp Org).

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules, a copy of this letter is being electronically submitted into the record of this proceeding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas Goode". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being more prominent.

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Cc: Marco Peraza, Wireline Advisor to Commissioner Simington
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