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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary to the Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: *Ex Parte* Submission
WT Docket No. 06-169
WT Docket No. 96-86

Dear Ms Dortch:

This letter presents the views of the National Public Safety Telecommunications Council (NPSTC) regarding the report of the 700 MHz Technical Working Group (TWG) that has been submitted in this proceeding.¹ The TWG examined issues surrounding the proposal of current 700 MHz guard band licensees to restructure the public safety and guard band segments of the 700 MHz band. In its recent Reply Comments in the above proceedings, NPSTC committed to examining the TWG report at its November 2006 meetings.

The TWG report described the proposal of guard band licensees, Access Spectrum and Pegasus Communications Corporation, to restructure the 700 MHz band spectrum, which includes relocating public safety narrowband voice channels. It examined the migration of currently deployed radio systems using the 700 MHz band to a new location and the effect on equipment manufactured to operate at both 700 MHz and 800 MHz. The report also examined the implementation of the proposal in the Canadian Border region and the effect on planned deployments, including that of New York State.

After discussing the TWG report, there was a consensus at the NPSTC meeting to embrace the report's summary and conclusions. The TWG report makes an important contribution to moving any remaining issues forward. NPSTC commits to participating further so that the Commission may move these proceedings to decision and resolution.

Respectfully,

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¹ Report of the 700 MHz Technical Working Group, submitted by Access Spectrum, LLC and Pegasus Communications Corp., October 23, 2006, contained in WT Dockets 96-86 and 06-169.

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