July 3, 2003

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

Re: WT Docket No. 01-309

Dear Ms. Dortch:

This correspondence is in further clarification of an ex parte letter filed with the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC" or "Commission") in which the Alliance for Telecommunications for Industry Solutions ("ATIS") provided the Commission with information regarding the initial work accomplished by the industry in establishing the structure and plan for the Hearing Aid Compatibility ("HAC") Incubator.¹ Specifically, this correspondence clarifies the timeline discussed in that ex parte letter.

To reiterate, the proposed two-year work plan encompasses a full review of HAC issues starting with a detailed analysis of ANSI C63.19. A report to the Commission regarding the validity and usability of ANSI C63.19 is to be completed within 6-9 months from the start of the Incubator. In addition, should there be any modifications to ANSI C63.19, those revisions will be communicated to the ANSI C63.19 standards body, and will then go through the ANSI revision process. This will take additional time on top of the 6-9 month analysis of ANSI C63.19 performed in the Incubator.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at 202-434-8830.

Sincerely,

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cc: Chairman Michael K. Powell, FCC
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¹ Letter from Megan Campbell, General Counsel, ATIS, to Marlene Dortch, Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, dated July 1, 2003.
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Please see the attached letter. Feel free contact me with any questions or concerns.

Thank you.

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