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Via E-Mail

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Re: Nomination for Membership on the Communications Security, Reliability and Interoperability Council (CSRIC)

Dear Ms. Fowlkes:

The Alliance for Telecommunications Industry Solutions (ATIS) would like to ask the Commission to consider appointing Susan Miller, ATIS President and CEO, to the Communications Security, Reliability and Interoperability Council (CSRIC). Ms. Miller would represent ATIS on the Council.

As you know, ATIS is a technical planning and standards development organization that is committed to rapidly developing and promoting technical and operations standards for the communications and related information technologies industry worldwide using a pragmatic, flexible and open approach. Over 1,100 participants from more than 350 communications companies are active in ATIS' 22 industry committees and forums. The ATIS membership spans all segments of the communications industry, including local exchange carriers, interexchange carriers, manufacturers, wireless providers, broadband providers, providers of operations support, software developers, and ISPs. ATIS' underlying principles and dedicated industry resources have allowed it to become the place where the industry can reach consensus on essential issues related to the reliable, secure and effective operation of communications networks.

ATIS has been a strong supporter, collaborator, member and information source to the predecessor to CSRIC, the Network Reliability and Interoperability Council (NRIC). ATIS has been actively involved in all NRICs since the Council's beginning as the Network Reliability Council (NRC) in 1993. ATIS also served on Councils II, III, IV, VI and VII.

A great deal of ATIS' work is focused on security, reliability and interoperability. Many of ATIS' committees and forums are focused on developing key standards and guidelines pertaining to these issues. For instance, the ATIS Information and

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Data Security Committee (IDSC) identifies and addresses information and data security issues specific to the communications industry. The ATIS Emergency Services Interconnection Forum (ESIF) works to address technical and operational interconnection issues related to E9-1-1 services. The ATIS Network Interconnection Interoperability Forum (NIIF) resolves industry-wide issues associated with telecommunications network interconnection and interoperability which involve network architecture, management, testing and operations. The ATIS Network Reliability Steering Committee (NRSC), which was formed to address issues from NRC I, focuses on reliability issues facing communications providers and works closely with Commission staff to address these issues. Other ATIS committees focus on significant issues related to these topics, including wireless/wireline interoperability and packet technology issues.

We appreciate your consideration of our request to appoint Ms. Miller to serve on the Council. If you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at 202.434.8830.

Sincerely yours,

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