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February 20, 2008

VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: WT Docket No. 07-250
Ex Parte Presentation

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On February 14, 2008, the Commission contacted the Alliance for Telecommunications Industry Solutions (ATIS) to inquire about the multimode/handset issue discussed in the *Notice of Proposed Rulemaking* in the above referenced proceeding. In response, ATIS, on behalf of the ATIS Incubator Solutions Program 4 – Hearing Aid Compatibility (AISP.4-HAC) and advocates for consumers with hearing loss who crafted the Joint Consensus Plan, submitted the attached two e-mails.

The e-mails were submitted to the following: Angela Giancarlo, Legal Advisor, Wireless and International Issues, for Commissioner Robert McDowell; Renee Crittendon, Legal Advisor for Spectrum and International Issues, for Commissioner Jonathan Adelstein; Wayne Leighton, Acting Special Advisor on Wireless Issues, for Commissioner Deborah Tate; Bruce Gottlieb, Wireless and International Legal Advisor, for Commissioner Michael Copps; and Aaron Goldberger, Wireless and International Legal Advisor, for Chairman Kevin J. Martin.

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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.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Deirdre Y. Cheek".

Deirdre Y. Cheek
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Tom Goode

From: Tom Goode
Sent: Thursday, February 14, 2008 6:33 PM
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Cc: 'Karen Peltz Strauss'; 'bbattat@shhh.org'; Deirdre Cheek
Subject: AISP.4-HAC- Industry Consensus

All:

Following up on our phone call earlier today, this is to let you know that members of the ATIS Incubator Solutions #4 -- Hearing Aid Compatibility (AISP.4-HAC) met with representatives of consumers with hearing loss to discuss the issue you raised regarding multimode/band wireless devices (other than converged WiFi devices). Consensus was reached that:

The Commission should leave the record open to allow the industry and consumer representatives to work together to develop a consensus plan regarding multimode phones operating in modes/bands for which no HAC standard exists. AISP.4-HAC anticipates filing general principles regarding this consensus plan within three (3) months of the release of the HAC Order in WT Docket No. 07-250, with more specific information regarding this proposal to be filed within six (6) months of the release of the Order.

We understand that the Commission will allow converged WiFi devices to be labeled as HAC if these devices satisfy HAC standards for all other bands/modes in which they operate. AISP.4-HAC fully supports this proposal. As I mentioned during our call, we are unaware of any multimode/band technologies other than converged WiFi devices for which no HAC standard exists.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me.

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From: Tom Goode
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All:

We understand from advocates representing consumers with hearing loss that the Commission has sought some additional clarification of the statements AISP.4-HAC submitted yesterday regarding the multimode/band handsets issue. To further supplement our statements, AISP.4-HAC supports the clarification articulated by the consumer advocates, namely that:

The Commission should not establish broad rules at this time to address multimode handsets that operate in bands for which there is no HAC standard (other than the approach AISP.4-HAC has recommended for treatment of converged WiFi devices). Instead, the Commission can determine on a case-by-case basis how to address HAC compliance for those multimode/band handsets employing new technologies or operating on bands for which no HAC standard exists until the wireless industry and consumers have developed a consensus proposal regarding how such devices should be treated.

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