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Via Email
Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Wireless Emergency Alerts
PS Dockets Nos. 15-91, 15-94

Dear Ms. Dortch:

As requested in the Chairman's September 10th letter, the Alliance for Telecommunications Industry Solutions (ATIS) is writing to update the Federal Communications Commission (Commission) on its on-going work to develop Wireless Emergency Alert (WEA) standards.

ATIS is pleased to report that it is nearing completion of a white paper that will provide additional information on WEA geo-targeting implementations and should be a valuable resource for the industry. The white paper will outline different methods to perform cell selection for WEA broadcast in support of WEA 3.0 geo-targeting. This deliverable is anticipated to be available in November 2020.

ATIS is also confirming that it will address recommendations for handling discretionary parameters specified in ATIS and/or 3GPP specifications, as requested by the Chairman in the first three items of his letter. ATIS will target completion of this effort in the second quarter of 2021. ATIS Wireless Technologies and Systems Committee (WTSC) has already begun to examine this matter and continues to include representatives from the alerting and public safety community as part of all WEA standardization activities.

With regard to the fourth item in the Chairman's letter, there are no discretionary parameters associated with, or identified impacts to, the ability of mobile devices to present an alert concurrently with an active voice or data session, based on the addition of device-based geo-fencing. If our understanding of the fourth item is incorrect, ATIS seeks further clarification on the Chairman's request.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Thomas Goode
ATIS General Counsel

cc: James Wiley