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April 21, 2010

Jeffrey S. Steinberg
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Federal Communication Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

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

Dear Mr. Steinberg:

This letter is provided in response to your inquiry regarding the status of Principle 4 of the consensus multiband general principles that ATIS filed with the Commission on September 11, 2008. Specifically, you asked that we summarize in writing the status of developing a test for new bands and/or modes that we discussed during our February 23, 2010, meeting with the Commission.

As described in our February discussion, the C63 Subcommittee 8 WG 3 is in the process of revising the C63.19-2007 "Methods of Measurement of Compatibility between Wireless Communications Devices and Hearing Aids". The most significant change allows the enhanced test method to be used on any air interface for both existing and future wireless devices operating on a commercial mobile radio service (CMRS) network.

The enhanced test method eliminates the need for an Articulation Weighting Factor (AWF), which enables wireless device manufacturers to test new device technologies that are network-accepted without the need to constantly revise the relevant industry standard. Furthermore, new criteria will provide data to determine whether a new air interface technology will be exempt from HAC testing, or if device testing will be required. If an air interface technology is determined not to require device testing, all devices that contain the air interface would be rated as "M4" for that air interface. All other air interface technologies that fail the criteria will result in testing being done according to the revised 2010 C63.19 Standard on devices that use that air interface.

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Please contact Thomas Goode, ATIS General Counsel, at 202-434-8830, or me at 202-434-8847 should you have additional questions.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Deirdre Y. Cheek". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a horizontal line drawn underneath it.

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