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Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Expanding the Economic and Innovation Opportunities of Spectrum Through Incentive Auctions (GN Docket No. 12-268)

Dear Ms. Dortch,

On Friday, September 25, 2015, CTIA – The Wireless Association® (“CTIA”) and its members met with representatives from the Incentive Auction Task Force and Wireless Telecommunications Bureau to discuss the above-referenced proceeding. A list of attendees is included as an attachment to this ex parte filing.

During the meeting, CTIA discussed the need for multiple auction simulations well in advance of the actual incentive auction.1 As CTIA has previously discussed, such simulations will allow for meaningful feedback to be provided to the Commission on how its incentive auction software is performing and the accuracy of the data being provided to potential bidders (both bidding round and impairment data). Such simulations would also help forward auction participants to stress test their external software systems to be certain that those systems are functioning properly, determine if they are receiving sufficient data to make informed decisions during the incentive auction, and better understand the resources required to make such decisions. CTIA also discussed the types of detailed information and processes that participants will need in order to engage in informed bidding.2 Finally, CTIA applauded the Commission for its recognition that reverse and forward auction application windows should not be opened contemporaneously, 3 and encouraged the FCC to time the filing window for forward auction short-form applications as close to the auction start date as possible.

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2 CTIA Mock Auction Letter at 3.

3 See FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler, Keynote, CTIA Super Mobility 2015, Las Vegas, NV (Sept. 9, 2015).
Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission’s rules, a copy of this letter is being filed in ECFS. Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned with any questions.

Sincerely,

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