Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary to the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Ex Parte Presentation
Universal Service Assessment- Automotive Telematics
WC 06-122, CC Docket Nos. 96-45, 98-171, 90-571, 99-200, 95-116 and 98-170

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Today, Gary A. Wallace, Vice President for Corporate Relations of the ATX Group, Inc., Gregory L. Rohde and I, representing ATX, met with the Honorable Robert M. McDowell and Ms. Dana Shaffer, Acting Legal Advisor to Commissioner McDowell. ATX provides automotive telematics technology and equipment to the automobile industry.

In the meeting, we described the services ATX provides to its original equipment manufacturers (OEM) and the manner by which an occupant of a vehicle may summon emergency assistance from the OEM call center. We described the economics associated with automobile telematics and the industry’s direction. During the meeting we presented the position of ATX that proposals to assess each phone number a monthly fee of $1.00 would violate the equitable and non discriminatory standard of the law with regard to automotive telematics. The proposed fee would represent a 3000% increase over the current assessment, an amount that approaches and may exceed the total telecommunications cost of the service. We emphasized the confined and limited use of the network by automotive telematics which any assessment model must recognize. We also stated that the proposed assessment would disrupt an important public safety feature—the ability to locate expeditiously and dispatch aid to individuals facing an emergency, ubiquitously and without limitation.

Respectfully,

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The Honorable Robert M. McDowell
Ms. Dana Shaffer, Acting Legal Advisor to Commissioner McDowell