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

Ex Parte

Re: Notice of Ex Parte Presentation, ET Docket No. 18-295.

Dear Ms. Dortch:

The Utilities Technology Council (“UTC”) is providing the following ex parte notification in the above-referenced proceeding in accordance with Section 1.1206 of the Commission’s Rules. On October 30, 2019, Christina Baworowsky from Alliant Energy, Paul Zawada from American Electric Power Corporation, Lon Renner from Nebraska Public Power District, Doug McGinnis from RedRoseTele.com and the undersigned from the Utilities Technology Council (collectively, the “parties”) met with Erin McGrath, Wireless Advisor to Commission Michael O’Rielly to discuss matters related to the above-referenced proceedings.

During the meeting, the parties described how utilities and other critical infrastructure industries operate extensive microwave communications systems in the 6 GHz band, which they use to support the safe, reliable and secure delivery of essential services. They explained potential interference from unlicensed operations represents an unreasonable risk to the performance of these microwave systems in the 6 GHz band. They urged the Commission to refrain from allowing unlicensed operations in the 6 GHz band, and that further field testing of the automated frequency control technology proposed to mitigate harmful interference is necessary before any such unlicensed operations should be permitted in the band.

Thank you for your help in this matter. If there are any questions concerning this matter, please contact the undersigned.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Brett Kilbourne', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Brett Kilbourne

Cc: FCC Participants