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December 17, 2007

Commission Secretary Public Utilities Commission of Ohio 180 East Broad Street Columbus, OH 43215

RE:

In the matter of Intrado Communications Inc.

Case No. 07-1199-TP-ACE

Dear Commission Secretary;

I have previously written in support of Intrado Communications' application under Case No. 07-941-TP-UNC. As then, I continue to support the approval of Intrado Communications' revised application, because I still believe that thoughtfully-instituted competition in the 9-1-1 market, as is represented by the present application, will lead to dramatically enhanced and improved 9-1-1 services to PSAPs through out Ohio.

For many years, phone customers have witnessed unprecedented consumer benefits driven by new technologies, and those customers have come to expect that their 9-1-1 system is keeping pace. Under a decades-old, monopoly, regulatory environment, that has not happened. It's time for that to change.

Unfortunately, it appears from the recent filings in the above-referenced matter that there is an effort to use this case to obstruct competition and along with it the innovation and robust emergency applications the public safety community so desperately wants and needs. It is one thing for a company to aggressively seek to protect its competitive, economic interests, but it is quite another to do so by delaying the inevitable at the expense of the public's safety and security.

Hamilton County Department of Communications encourages the Commission to maintain high standards for those wanting to provide emergency communications in Ohio and to do so by establishing a competitive regulatory environment that will facilitate true next-generation 9-1-1 solutions.

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I strongly urge you to approve Intrado Communications' application. Feel free to contact me if there are any questions or a desire to discuss this matter further. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

William H. Hinkle, Director

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