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BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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In the Matter of the Application of Intrado )  
Communications Inc. to Provide )  
Competitive Local Exchange Services in )  
the State of Ohio. )

Case No. 07-1199-TP-ACE

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**STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF JOINT PETITION  
FOR SUPPLEMENTAL ORDER**

On behalf of the Ohio Chapter of the Association of Public Safety Communications Officials ("APCO"), the Ohio Chapter of the National Emergency Number Association ("NENA"), the Ohio Fire Chiefs' Association (OFCA), and the Buckeye State Sheriffs' Association (BSSA), the Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police (OACP), respectively the "Parties"), we would like to express our support for Intrado Communications, Inc.'s ("Intrado Comm") desire to introduce and facilitate new, competitive 9-1-1 solutions within the State of Ohio.

On July 25, 2008, Intrado Comm and the Hamilton County Department of Communications (the "Department") filed a Joint Petition For Waiver and Supplemental Order ("Joint Petition") to facilitate the deployment of competitive 9-1-1 services in Hamilton County, Ohio. The Parties agree with, and support, the waiver for a "beta test" for the Department and Intrado Comm. as set forth in the Joint Petition.

The "beta testing" period, as described in detail in the Joint Petition, will serve to test Intrado Comm's deployment of technologically-advanced 9-1-1 services in Ohio. The implementation of such beta testing prior to the full use of Intrado Comm's services for live 9-1-1 calls is the proper method for testing such new technologies and services. Furthermore, this process will provide the four Hamilton County public safety answering points, this Commission,

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and other concerned Ohioans with the opportunity to analyze, test and evaluate Intrado Comm's offerings to determine its future in Hamilton County and the State of Ohio.

Finally, and most importantly, it is imperative that Ohio's public safety agencies be able to reap the benefits of competitive 9-1-1 offerings in this state. To do so, there must be a regulatory environment in which competitive providers, such as Intrado Comm, can freely offer and sell their services. Granting the Joint Petition is a critical step toward achieving this goal.

Therefore, the signatories respectfully request that the Joint Petition be granted.

Respectfully submitted by,



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