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Thank you for that kind introduction. I appreciate the opportunity to join you today. It is especially gratifying to return to my *alma mater*, PCIA. I had three great years with PCIA and I'm thrilled to be back with you.

It's no secret to this group to say that infrastructure provides the backbone that fosters the continued deployment of beneficial wireless services, including broadband. By developing unique and needed solutions where traditional infrastructure applications are not feasible, the DAS Forum's members deliver an important solution to help provide the capacity for the networks that will shape America's future – and equip all types of consumers – retail, commercial and public safety -- with the wireless services they have come to expect.

My remarks today will highlight three areas: (1) the growth of wireless services; (2) the retail, commercial and public safety consumer benefits resulting from that growth; and (3) the importance of infrastructure and DAS solutions to maintaining and enhancing these benefits.

So, let's begin:

Growth of Wireless Services

First, regarding growth, the FCC – and all of us here today -- recognize that the wireless industry has witnessed unprecedented growth, in both the number of users served and the breadth of services available to the public, and shows no sign of abating. A large reason for the success

of the wireless industry is the relentless innovation spurred on by market competition - competition to provide more applications, more reliability and with greater efficiency and speed.

Wireless communications is at an important crossroads. There are nearly 260 million wireless subscribers in the U.S., and 3.3 billion wireless subscribers worldwide, comprising half of the 6.6 billion people in the world. One out of every six American homes has only wireless telephones, and one out of eight American homes receives all or almost all calls on wireless telephones despite having a landline in the home. The good news for the DAS Forum is: Americans' increased reliance on wireless services translates into a greater need to maintain network efficiency and capacity.

Furthermore, the deployments that will result from the recent AWS and 700 MHz auctions provide an unprecedented opportunity for the development and expansion of wireless services, and the corresponding need for infrastructure development. The expansion of wireless broadband will bring countless economic opportunities and broadband access to more Americans than ever before. You will no doubt see to it that the new market entrants use DAS deployments to catch up with their more-established competitors. DAS provides another means to foster wireless competition and consumer choice.

Benefits to Retail, Commercial and Public Safety Consumers

Next, regarding the consumer benefits, it is difficult to overstate the positive effect of mobile services in America and across the globe. Wireless is no longer just a means to make a phone call on the go. Wireless consumers now demand that their e-mail, Internet access, music, movies, and television are available "anytime anywhere" too. Certainly, infrastructure providers play a critical role in extending the consumer benefits associated with wireless growth.

Moreover, dependable wireless coverage is critical in emergency situations. Through implementation of the WARN Act, the FCC, in partnership with industry, has developed a system to alert citizens to danger through text messages. We will all benefit from the important work this group has undertaken. At this point, the Commission is already well poised to “get out of the way” and let the private sector deliver the new alert system for the benefit of America’s wireless consumers.

With respect to Enhanced 911, there are over 290,000 emergency calls made per day. And, over 50 percent of these calls are made from wireless devices. For over a decade, the FCC has worked to ensure that consumers and first responders alike will benefit from the latest location-capable wireless technologies. That said, a broad array of entities – wireless service providers, technology vendors and public safety – have told the Commission that rolling out a system of improved wireless E911 location accuracy is premature. Whatever the outcome of the present litigation, we are confident that infrastructure providers will be part of the solution.

Importance of Infrastructure and DAS Solutions

Finally, we must move forward together fully cognizant of the efficiencies associated with infrastructure and DAS solutions. Certainly the dynamic wireless marketplace depends on robust wireless infrastructure nationwide, without which dependable wireless coverage is not possible. As the number of wireless subscribers and services grow, so must wireless infrastructure.

DAS is a wonderful example of the benefits of market innovation – you are responding to the need for additional infrastructure innovations for use in sensitive environments in which traditional wireless facilities are infeasible. DAS is already providing specialized solutions in locations where traditional wireless facilities are infeasible. Your networks offer flexibility in

infrastructure deployment for areas where more traditional infrastructure is infeasible, impractical, or insufficient. Moreover, your efforts show that when the private sector has the freedom and flexibility necessary to resolve challenges and satisfy consumer demand on its own, it can and will rise to the occasion.

Congress has indicated that the Commission has a role in ensuring that state and local developments do not undercut federal objectives to facilitate widespread dependable communications networks by removing barriers to infrastructure investment. The Commission is currently revisiting its rules on pole attachment rates, terms and access conditions as they apply to all types of users. We are hopeful that, as we move forward, this proceeding will provide needed certainty concerning the role of existing utility infrastructure to DAS architecture.

Conclusion

I want to close today by heartily congratulating the DAS Forum and its members for your talent and creativity. You are working hard! You clearly recognize the importance of continuing to work with regulators and the public to foster an understanding of DAS and its key role in the nation's wireless networks. Again, thank you for hosting me today.