October 9, 2019

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

Re: Encina Communications Corporation
   Ex Parte Presentation
   ET Docket No 18-295

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On October 1, 2019, Encina Communications Corporation (“Encina”) made an ex parte presentation to staff of the Office of Engineering & Technology (“OET”) regarding what Encina described as “roadblocks” to “flexible use of unlicensed devices in the U-NII-5 and U-NII-7 [“6 GHz”] bands.” The first major roadblock it identified was “Public Safety Concerns – raised by fixed service operators.”

The Enterprise Wireless Alliance (“EWA”) represents many licensees of 6 GHz microwave systems that are concerned about the possibility of interference to their operations from unlicensed devices. That concern and the need for measures to address all such problems, both functionally and financially, are described in EWA’s March 18, 2019, Reply Comments in the above-identified proceeding. Some of those operations involve “public safety” concerns as these 6 GHz microwave systems may be essential to the safe operations of refineries, mines, factories, and other locations with inherently hazardous conditions. Many others are used by licensees engaged in the broad array of enterprise activities that fuel the American economy on a daily basis. These include entities delivering utility, manufacturing, airport, trucking, package delivery, and similar services to the American public throughout the nation. While not public safety operations as that term is generally understood, their reliance on 6 GHz microwave facilities is critical to the country’s economic health and must be recognized and protected as well.

Sincerely,

Mark E. Crosby
President