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Mr. Michael O'Rielly
Commissioner
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Commissioner O'Rielly:

I am in receipt of your letter in reference to the annual reporting of collection and expenditure of 9-11 and Enhanced 911 services fees in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI). The CNMI currently does not have a 9-1-1 System or an active Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) in place. The current structure provides emergency response calls to all municipal governments through dedicated telephone land lines with individual telephone handset units handled by radio dispatchers under the Department of Public Safety (DPS). Accordingly, the CNMI is currently not collecting fees or charges. Nonetheless, the enclosed Annual Collection Information Questionnaire has been completed and submitted to the NET 911 Fee Report electronic 3-mail inbox at 911feereport@fcc.gov, on June 29, 2018.

There is, however, comprehensive legislation being drafted for the creation of an Enhanced Emergency 911/NextGen 911 Telephone Communication Systems within the CNMI. This legislation proposes to also establish a 911 Surcharge to be borne by Local Exchange Telephone and Commercial Mobile Radio Service Subscribers, among other elements critical to the operation and management of an effective and efficient 911 System.

Thank you for bringing this matter to my attention. We will continue to monitor the progress of the legislation to ensure its eventual enactment to bring the CNMI into compliance with the NET 911 Act and to provide for an effective and sustainable 911 System.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ralph DLG. Torres".

RALPH DLG. TORRES
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Enclosure: CNMI 911 System Data Collection Questionnaire