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Subject: LS re OAM&P standardization

Mr. Truss,

Attached please find a liaison statement on behalf of GSM North America concerning
standardization of Operation, Administrative, Maintenance, and Provisioning (OAM&P)
interfaces in 3GPP.

We appreciate your consideration. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact
me or Jim Murrell, the Chair of GSM North America.

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Dear Mr. Truss,

GSM North America is the North American Interest Group of the GSM Association, and is composed of the operators using GSM technology in the United States and Canada, and their vendors. The group meets periodically to discuss matters of mutual interest to its members.

At its most recent meeting, the GSMNA Chief Technical Officers (CTOs) discussed a concern about the 3GPP standardization of Operation, Administrative, Maintenance, and Provisioning (OAM&P) interfaces in 3GPP. Of particular concern is that the 3GPP standardization may be incompatible with the ITU standardization appropriate to the same interfaces.

During the discussion, it was pointed out that the concern was with the core network elements portion of the 3GPP specifications and not with the protocol adaptations made to reduce the "overhead" on the radio interface.

The CTOs emphasize that there is a need for standardized OAM&P interfaces and having standardized OAM&P mechanisms and interfaces will be a requirement for future equipment purchases. In addition, variations with the associated ITU-T standards of the existing protocols and interfaces for fixed network facilities should be minimized to the fullest extent possible. We urge you to take these requirements into consideration as you develop 3GPP Specifications.

Kindest regards,

[signed copy on file]

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