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To: The Honorable Michael Howe
From: Sergeant Bradley Smith, DPS/HPD Radio Program Manager
Subject: **Letter of Support for Las Vegas Valley Simulcast Project
Application Number SUP-28274**

While the Nevada Highway Patrol is a statewide organization, approximately 70% of our calls for service occur in the Las Vegas Valley. Adequate radio coverage in Las Vegas has been a constant problem for the Highway Patrol due to a multitude of factors, and poor reception and dropped calls often have serious consequences. One of the resolutions to these problems is to create simulcast systems in high-density areas, as is now present in the Reno-Sparks Urban area. This type of system has proven to be a major improvement in our radio operability.

The Department of Public Safety has over 1000 officers on the Nevada Shared Radio System (NSRS) and the proposed Simulcast system in the Las Vegas Valley will make a major improvement in our current radio coverage. The NSRS 800MHz system will also serve as a back-up to the METRO Opensky 700MHz in the event of catastrophic failure, and without the implementation of the Simulcast, METRO will not have adequate coverage into many areas in the valley.

Nevada Power has expended a massive amount of time and resources on the development of an adequate infrastructure, including the use of consultants to solve coverage problems. The Simulcast solution is a tested resolution to the problem that will have a minor impact on both the environment and limited radio frequency availability in the Las Vegas Valley. Our organization fully supports the implementation of the simulcast system.

If anyone would like anymore information of clarification, please feel free to contact me at (775) 720-5507.

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Planning Commission Meeting of 7/10/2008

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