January 18, 2013

Via Electronic Filing

Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street SW  
Washington, DC 20554


Dear Ms. Dortch:


Mr. Alder and Mr. Norman discussed the Commission’s recently issued Notice proposing changes to the rules that apply to the 3550-3650 MHz band.¹ They expressed desire to have a better understanding of how exclusion zones may be calculated for various incumbent uses in the band. They also noted the importance of ensuring that incumbent services are protected while simultaneously opening the band up for meaningful commercial use.

Mr. Alder and Mr. Norman also discussed the Commission’s proceeding to conduct an incentive auction to free up spectrum for mobile broadband uses.² In particular, Mr. Alder and Mr. Norman expressed support for a balanced policy expanding both unlicensed and licensed uses in the current broadcast band. In order to implement such a policy, they suggested that in addition to preserving unlicensed access to vacant television channels that remain after repacking, the Commission should make new guard band/duplex gap spectrum available for unlicensed use.

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Pursuant to the Commission’s rules, this notice is being filed in the above-referenced dockets for inclusion in the public record. Please contact me should you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

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