

VIA ELECTRONIC DELIVERY

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

**Re: Notice of Inquiry
WT Docket No. 17-200**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

The organizations listed below all are engaged in matters related to the modernization of the nation's energy grid. This involves assisting energy providers as they prepare to implement Smart Grid, Industrial Internet of Things (IIoT) and other emerging technologies, while they also maintain, and even enhance, the resilience, reliability, security, and capacity of the grid on which the American public relies. To do this, energy companies must also modernize the telecommunications networks that support so many of their functions. Access to affordable broadband spectrum that can be used for systems designed to the demanding specifications of a utility will be essential to this modernization process.

Thus, we fully support FCC rule changes rules to allow creation of a private carrier broadband network at 900 MHz that will be designed by utilities and other energy providers to meet their 21st century operational demands. We cannot expect them to address those challenges using 20th century communications technology.

A failure to modernize our energy grid is not an option. The FCC has the opportunity to provide an essential building block in this critical initiative, one that will affect every citizen of our nation. We are confident that the FCC shares our sense of urgency and will take prompt action to provide for the creation of a 900 MHz energy-focused broadband option.

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