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Washington, D.C. 20554

ET Docket No 92-9

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Dear Mr. Haller:

As a member of the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Metropolitan hereinafter), I am writing to express my deep concern about a proposal of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC hereinafter) which would strip Metropolitan of a key communications microwave frequency used in the operation of the Colorado River Aqueduct. This action could cost Southern Californian water users, \$1.5 million to replace this frequency, without providing any net improvement in the District's current communications capabilities.

Metropolitan has already spent substantial sums to acquire the communications network necessary effectively to run the aqueduct which stretches 242 miles across the desert and provides a considerable portion of the drinking water to Southern California. The FCC's proposal to take away a vital microwave link in this system is unfair and unnecessary. In your capacity as Chief of the Private Radio Bureau of the FCC, I strongly urge you to urge FCC Chairman, Alfred C. Sikes, and other commission members to drop this proposal.

The FCC's plan would take away the microwave frequency upon which the District has relied since 1987 to communicate with its most remote desert field stations. If this occurs, Metropolitan will have to purchase access to another frequency and construct additional transmitters in the desert to accommodate that new frequency which could prove difficult under the Desert Protection Act.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,



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