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Mr. Ralph A. Haller
Chief of the Private Radio Bureau
Federal Communications Commission
2025 M Street, N.W., Room 5002
Washington, D.C. 20554

ET Doc Let No 12-9

Dear Mr. Haller:

I am writing to express my deep concern over a proposal by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) which would strip the Metropolitan Water District of a key communications microwave frequency used in the operation of the Colorado River Aqueduct. This action could cost the residents of your district, and other Southern Californians, \$1.5 million to replace this frequency, but without providing any net improvement to the District's current communications capabilities.

Metropolitan has already spent substantial sums to acquire the communications network necessary to effectively run the aqueduct, which stretches 242 miles across the desert and provides a considerable portion of the Southland's drinking water. The FCC's proposal to take away a vital microwave link in this system is unfair and unnecessary. As a member of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, with its oversight responsibilities for the FCC, I strongly urge you to petition FCC Chairman Alfred C. Sikes and other commission members to drop this proposal.

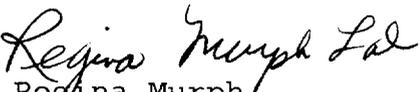
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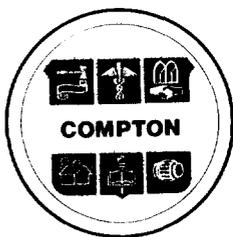
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Federal Communications Commission
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Washington, D.C. 20554

ET Bucket No. 92-19

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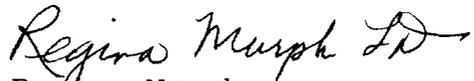
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