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Honorable Carlos J. Moorhead
House of Representatives
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Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

Dear Congressman Moorhead:

Thank you for your letter on behalf of a number of constituents regarding the Commission's proposals to allocate spectrum for emerging technologies. Your constituents express concern with the impact upon the communications of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California of proposals to reallocate frequencies at 2 GHz.

On January 16, 1992, the Commission adopted a Notice of Proposed Rule Making (Notice) in ET Docket No. 92-9 that proposes allocating 220 MHz of 2 GHz spectrum for use by providers of emerging technologies. With regard to licensees currently using portions of this spectrum, the Commission proposed to permit state and local government licensees such as the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California to continue indefinitely their current operations on a primary basis.

Other users would be permitted to continue their current operations on a primary basis for a period of time to be established - such as 10 or 15 years. Subsequently, they would be permitted to continue operating only on a secondary basis. Expansion and new microwave systems would be permitted on a primary basis only at higher frequencies. In conjunction with the Notice, the Commission released a staff study of existing use of this spectrum and identified other suitable frequencies available for this purpose. To further facilitate accommodation of the competing demands for this spectrum, the Commission also proposed to permit negotiation of financial arrangements between existing licensees and parties proposing new services. Such an approach would facilitate access to this spectrum for services employing emerging technologies.

These provisions are intended to prevent disruption to the communications of the existing licensees, yet still provide the spectrum needed by U.S. companies to develop new and innovative telecommunications products and services and bolster U.S. competitiveness in world telecommunications markets. An example of one such new proposed service is the personal communications service (PCS), which the Commission is addressing concurrently in GEN Docket No. 90-314.

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The needs of the existing 2 GHz users are of importance to the Commission, and are being taken carefully into consideration. Please be assured that your constituents' concerns will be taken into account before a final determination is made, and for that purpose, I am making their letters part of the record in the two dockets discussed above, ET Docket No. 92-9 and GEN Docket No. 90-314.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alfred C. Sikes". The signature is stylized and cursive, with a large initial "A" and "S".

Alfred C. Sikes
Chairman

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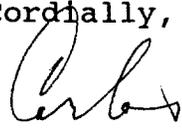
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The Honorable Alfred C. Sikes
Chairman
FCC
1919 M Street N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Mr. Chairman:

As you can see from the enclosed sampling, I have been getting a number of letters from individuals involved with the Metropolitan Water District, the primary provider of water to all of Southern California. In other words, it is a vital organization. The concern and fear is that FCC action to locate spectrum for emerging technologies will result in monetary loss to the MWD and, more importantly, a loss of its essential communications system along the Colorado River Aqueduct. The MWD system is necessary for security, the orderly movement of water and safety where earthquakes might require the instantaneous closing of gates and dams. I have great faith in the ability of the Commission and the FCC to provide for new technologies like PCS's and to fairly protect and deal with entrenched, public entities which currently utilize valuable spectrum. However, the crucial nature of providing water and the resulting concerns of MWD Directors and officers requires me to seek details about FCC actions and plans and assurances from you that MWD's operation will not be jeopardized. I very much appreciate your interest in "our" concerns and look forward to your reply.

Cordially,


CARLOS J. MOORHEAD
Member of Congress

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Dave

The Honorable Carlos Moorehead
2346 Rayburn House Office Bldg.
Washington, D.C. 20515

January 24, 1992

Dear Congressman Moorehead:

I have represented the City Council and the City of Glendale on the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California since my retirement as Glendale City Manager.

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

Metropolitan has already spent substantial sums to acquire the communications network necessary to effectively run the aqueduct, which of course you know, 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 urge you to petition FCC Chairman Alfred C. Sikes and other Commission members to drop this proposal.

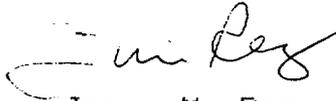
The FCC's plan would take away the microwave frequency upon which the District has relied since 1987 to communicate with its most remote desert field stations. If this happens, Metropolitan will have to purchase access to another frequency and construct additional transmitters in the desert to accommodate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

Timing is critical, as the FCC is proceeding quickly to finalize this plan. If you or your staff would like additional information regarding this issue, please contact James Brainerd, MWD Assistant Director of Information Systems at (213) 250-6881, or Bob Will, Metropolitan's Washington lobbyist at (202) 429-4344.

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As a member of the Board of Directors at Metropolitan I want to thank you for any assistance you can give us in this matter, and to thank you for your continuing interest in Metropolitan and Southern California's important water issues.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jim Rez".

James M. Rez
2541 Hollister Terrace
Glendale, CA., 91206

cc:Metropolitan

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FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

LARRY L. STAMPER / MINISTER

700 NORTH GLENOAKS BOULEVARD BURBANK, CALIFORNIA

CHURCH OFFICE 845-1531

January 29, 1992

The Honorable Carlos J. Moorehead
2346-Rayburn House Office Bldg.
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Carlos:

I hope this finds you and your family doing well during these hectic days. As you may or may not know, I now represent the City of Burbank as its director for the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California.

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 in the District's current communications capabilities.

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As a member of Metropolitan's Board of Directors, I thank you for your continuing interest in Metropolitan and Southern California's important water issues.

Sincerely,


Larry L. Stamper

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Carlos
Dear Congressman Moorhead:

I am writing to express my serious concern about a proposal by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) which would strip the Metropolitan Water District of a critical 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 in MWD's communications ability.

MWD has already spent substantial sums to provide the communications system necessary to operate the aqueduct which contributes a significant portion of the water supply to the southern California coastal plain. The FCC's proposal to take away a vital microwave link in this system is unnecessary and of particular concern at this time due to extensive public pressure to hold rate increases necessary to assure an adequate reliable water supply to a minimum. 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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As the City of San Marino's representative on MWD's Board of Directors, I thank you for your continuing interest in MWD and southern California's important water issues.

Sincerely,

John T. Morris
John T. Morris

cc: Suzanne Crowell, Mayor, City of San Marino
Carl Boronkay, General Manager,
Metropolitan Water District