



Lincoln County Sheriff's Office

Sheriff Curtis L. Landers

February 12, 2019

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

Re: GN Docket No. 17-183, *Expanding Flexible Use in Mid-Band Spectrum Between 3.7 and 24 GHz*
ET Docket No. 18-295, *Unlicensed Use of the 6 GHz Band*
Ex Parte Communication

Dear Madame Secretary:

I am filing this letter on behalf of Lincoln County, Oregon, public safety radio communications systems.

We are a rural county, on the Oregon Coast with a population of only 46,000; though it triples during our summer months. Our public safety radio system may not be large enough to be recognized as having influence for public policy changes but nonetheless we feel it is important to provide feedback on this issue. The proposed changes have the potential to significantly affect the service we provide to effectively communicate on behalf of our communities.

We have multiple microwave systems (5 to be exact) supporting our public safety radio communications system utilizing the 6 Ghz Licensed Spectrum.

Our radio system services three dispatch centers and is the primary source for seven fire districts, four law enforcement agencies and our county public roads department. We believe our 911 dispatch traffic would be adversely affected due to any potential interference that an unlicensed option would create.

We hope the FCC will maintain the proposal for AFC for all unlicensed devices in bands 5925-6425 MHz and 6525-6875 MHz. We believe the analysis by the Fixed Wireless Communications Commission proves that AFC is needed regardless of the power level or location of the unlicensed device.

We also hope the FCC will ensure the database used for the AFC system is accurate and up-to-date before unlicensed devices are installed and that data provided by the Fixed Wireless Communications Commission is carefully reviewed on the need to ensure that fixed link adjacent channels are fully protected.

Sincerely,

Curtis L. Landers, Sheriff

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "V.L. Demaris".

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