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Re: RM-11791, Section 7 request

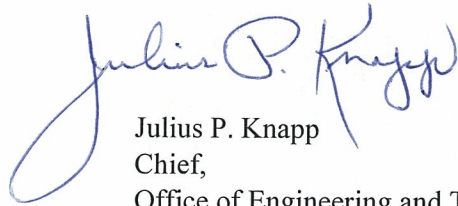
Dear Broadband Access Coalition:

In your petition for rulemaking, filed on June 21, 2017, the Broadband Access Coalition requested that the Commission commence a rulemaking to authorize new licensed fixed point-to-multipoint high-speed broadband service on a shared basis in the 3.7-4.2 GHz band. In your filing, you also included a request that the Petition be considered pursuant to Section 7 of the Communications Act, as amended. This Petition was placed on public notice on July 7, 2017 (RM-11791).

OET and Wireless Telecommunications Bureau staff have examined Broadband Access Coalition's Petition and do not believe that its proposal for use of the 3.7-4.2 GHz band—i.e. authorizing point-to-multipoint services to share use of the band with fixed services (fixed satellite service and fixed service) through the Commission's Part 101 frequency coordination procedures – qualifies as a “new” technology or service under Section 7. Point-to-multipoint services, which are deployed in numerous spectrum bands, are not new, and the Part 101 coordination procedures are frequently used when sharing of spectrum among fixed services. Nonetheless, the Commission is actively considering your proposal as part of its Expanding Flexible Use in Mid-Band Spectrum Between 3.7 and 24 GHz proceeding and the Chairman has proposed to seek comment on it as part of the Expanding Flexible Use of the 3.7 to 4.2

GHz Band rulemaking. Consistent with the purpose of Section 7, we plan to take action in the near-term to promote more flexible use of the 3.7-4.2 GHz band that would serve the public interest.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Julius P. Knapp". The signature is stylized with a large, looping initial "J" and a cursive "Knapp".

Julius P. Knapp  
Chief,  
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