July 19, 2017

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Room TWA325
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Ex Parte Notice in Exploring Flexible Use in Mid-Band Spectrum Between 3.7 GHz and 24 GHz, Draft Notice of Inquiry, GN Docket No. 17-183

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On July 17, 2017, representatives of the following companies and trade groups met with Wireless Bureau staff on the above-captioned matter: Stacey Black of AT&T, Mary Brown of Cisco, Jared Carlson of Ericsson, Rob Carter of Harris, Wiltshire and Grannis (on behalf of Apple and Broadcom), Peter Pitsch of Intel, Jeffrey Marks of Nokia, John Hunter of T-Mobile, Charla Rath of Verizon, and Alex Roytblat of the Wi-Fi Alliance. Wireless Bureau attendees were: Donald Stockdale, Chief of the Wireless Bureau, Suzanne Tetreault, Deputy Chief, and Matthew Pearl, Legal Advisor in the Wireless Bureau Front Office.

The private sector representatives stressed the importance of finding more mid-band spectrum, and particularly the 3.7-4.2 GHz band for licensed mobile services and the 6 GHz band for unlicensed use. The private sector representatives also praised the Commission and its staff for scheduling an August vote on the above-captioned Notice of Inquiry.

The topics raised during the course of the meeting were:
- Importance of adding a mobile allocation to the 3.7-4.2 GHz band;
- Efforts underway around the world to identify 3 GHz spectrum for mobile and 5G use, as well 6 GHz for unlicensed use in Europe;
- Initial views on how 3 GHz channels might be used as part of a 5G network;
- Spectrum needs of unlicensed services in light of recent decision on 5.35-5.47 GHz band;
- Views from the point-to-point microwave incumbents who are also part of the coalition; and
- For the 6 GHz band, the unlicensed community’s commitment to protect existing and future point-to-point microwave licensees.

Private sector representatives expressed the hope that the Commission was prepared to
move quickly from the Notice of Inquiry stage to a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and then to a final order to provide an opportunity for US technology leadership in mid-band spectrum.

Respectfully submitted,

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