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Sir:

Metro FastNet, LLC was started in 2007 when a previous fixed based wireless internet service provider closed. We wanted to keep our customers online and provide a valued business resource at reasonable prices. Bringing them services for them to expand their businesses.

We have struggled through the years with providing high speed broadband in the nonrural areas due to interference from others using the same unlicensed spectrum. We have some licensed links, but can't afford to purchase spectrum or licenses for each of our point to multipoint links.

While we service less than 150 customers, these businesses and consumers continually demand more speed. So, we are constantly driven to upgrade radios and use more of the unlicensed spectrums. Every day we are monitoring the links and looking at the quality of signal. Every day that becomes harder to maintain the quality we need to service the bandwidth our customers want and need.

The problem with the unlicensed spectrums is the over utilization in many areas. Because anyone can purchase and install the equipment, without realizing it they will interfere with others.

Our service area is only three counties. We did not get into business to become a conglomerate, but to provide a good service and maintain an good business.

Making the 3700-4200 Mhz spectrum available for Point to Multipoint use, would allow us to link the last miles in a spectrum range that is not going to be interfered when a neighbor installs and new WiFi router. It is enough spectrum to allow speed and performance. If it is registered then, other WISPs will have contacts to talk with on sharing the air space.

With the competition from the Cellular companies coming in the 5 GHz spectrum with LTE-U and other products where they will be utilizing the unlicensed spectrum, we will have more and more pressure on a finite resource. This will drive a lot of the smaller companies out of business. Leaving many of my customers without an adequate or economical replacement.

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