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Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, Suite 222
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Attn: Comments on Docket 92-235

The Devils Lake Fire Protection District would like to go on record opposing the FCC's spectrum "refarming" proposal Docket 92-235.

The Devils Lake Fire Protection District and adjacent fire districts this past year converted to a complete new high band system, 154.370 MHz, from an old low band frequency, 46.10 MHz.

In order for this conversion to occur, all new equipment had to be purchased. This did cause a financial impact on these districts.

This fire district is on the Oregon Coast Mountain Range and communications, even with a repeater site, are not that satisfactory. Utilizing lease lines to stations and simulcasting are very expensive, and in many areas DC lines are not available.

In our State of Oregon we are under a tax reducing measure that reduces our annual budgets each year. Purchasing all new equipment and abandoning newly purchased equipment sounds unreasonable and certainly not to the tax payers' benefit.

Realizing that something viable needs to be considered to expand the radio spectrum, we ask that if this proposal is adopted, at least a more workable time frame be considered for the fire service to be able to budget for such changes.

Sincerely

Otis Winchester
Fire Chief

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