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To: Federal Communications Commission

RE: Proceedings 17-258; comments

Dear FCC Commissioners:

As the President and CEO of AlignTec Incorporated, a small wireless internet service provider based in Durango, Colorado, I oppose the proposed increase of geographical PAL size to PEAs, as well as the lengthening of the license terms.

AlignTec began providing service in 2004 in La Plata County. Today we serve over 1400 customers who rely on us for primarily residential services. We depend on the unlicensed or lightly licensed frequency spectrum to provide internet service to our customers.

In 2016 we obtained a license for the 3650-3700MHz band hoping to gain additional bandwidth options and to avoid the growing congestion of the 5GHz band. These proposed rule changes have made us hesitant to utilize the band in the event that our access to it becomes restricted. Our customers presently benefit from a top speed offering of 50Mbps using our services and it will be increasingly difficult for us to provide these speeds to them without additional spectrum.

We therefore oppose the proposed increase of geographical PAL size to PEAs, as well as the lengthening of the license terms, as this clearly benefits the larger national carriers while pushing out smaller, local carriers like AlignTec. The proposed changes would make it economically difficult, if not impossible, for AlignTec to be competitive in PAL auctions and our investments thus far would be wasted. Please listen to the unified voices of the WISPA community and do not allow these proposed changes to pass. Thank you for your time.

Cordially,

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