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Re: Postponement of Cellular Lottery

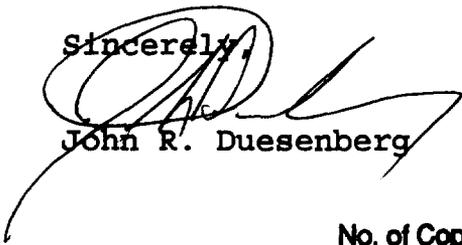
Dear Commissioner:

It is my understanding that the FCC is faced with a proposal to conduct an auction for the cellular service licenses originally scheduled to be distributed according to a lottery procedure this past September. While I can understand that certain advantages may accompany the use of an auction system, I urge the Commission to reject this proposal and proceed with the planned lottery.

Many small businesses and individuals have invested large amounts of time, energy and resources in the expectation that they would be participating in a cellular license lottery which was announced, and for which applications were solicited, by the Commission. For those who do not now have the additional resources needed to compete in an auction, the decision to cancel the lottery means the loss of substantial investments. This unfortunate consequence is made harsher by the fact that it befalls mainly small businesses and individuals whose entrepreneurial spirit should be rewarded rather than discouraged, particularly in these difficult economic times. Far from encouraging the ambitions of those who saw in the lottery an opportunity to own and operate their own cellular system businesses, the FCC proposal will stifle such necessary enthusiasm.

Therefore, I respectfully encourage the Commission to reject the proposal and proceed with the lottery as originally planned.

Sincerely,


John R. Duesenberg

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