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Commissioner James H. Quello  
Federal Communications Commission  
1919 M Street, N.W., Room 802  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: WT Docket No. 96-18  
PP Docket No. 93-253

Dear Commissioner Quello:

On behalf of Mobile Telecommunications Technologies Corporation ("Mtel"), we strongly urge the Commission to favorably consider implementing its proposal to designate 931.4375 MHz as a nationwide channel. In its recent Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in the referenced dockets, the Commission noted that Mtel occupies this channel on virtually a nationwide basis and uses it to augment its paging network on its nationwide channel 931.9375 MHz. The Commission sought comment on whether to designate 931.4375 MHz on a nationwide basis and whether it should be excluded from the Commission's geographic licensing proposal.

For good and valid reasons the Commission has noted that the nationwide use of this frequency is a special exception and one that should not be a part of geographic licensing. Obviously, it follows that if it should be considered nationwide for geographic licensing then it should be considered nationwide for the purposes of the interim licensing proposals and exempt from the interim application processing freeze. In both the Comments and Reply Comments on the Commission's interim licensing proposals and geographic licensing proposals, Mtel provided details on why it agreed with the Commission's proposed treatment of 931.4375 MHz.

Chief among these details is the fact that Mtel is the only Commission licensee operating on 931.4375 MHz. Secondly, the

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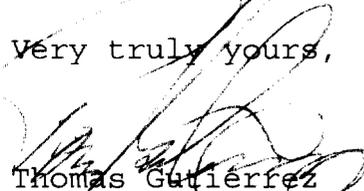
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Commission has noted Mtel's unique use of this frequency twice in Commission decisions which accorded special operating provisions to Mtel for its nationwide use of 931.4375. In Mobile Telecommunication Technologies Corp., 6 FCC Rcd 1938, recon. 7 FCC Rcd 4061 (1992), the Commission preempted state entry, technical and rate regulation of Mtel's integration of its paging service on 931.4375 MHz into its nationwide paging network and in In re Amendment of Sections 22.505 and 22.506 of the Commission's Rules, 8 FCC Rcd 2796 (1993), the Commission allowed Mtel to operate this frequency at a higher ERP.

Good cause exists for the designation of 931.4375 MHz on a nationwide basis and Mtel supports the Commission's proposals in that regard. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Very truly yours,

  
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cc: Rudolfo Baca, Esq.  
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