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William F. Caton  
Acting Secretary  
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Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Mr. Caton:

Re: WT Docket No. 95-56/Amendment of the Commission's Rules Concerning Low Power Radio and Automated Maritime Telecommunications System Operations in the 216-217 Mhz Band, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking ("NPRM")

Please associate Pacific Bell Mobile Services' written ex parte comments with the file in the above-referenced docket.

We are submitting two copies of this notice in accordance with Section 1.1206(a)(1) of the Commission's Rules.

Please stamp and return the provided copy to confirm your receipt. Please contact me should you have any questions or require additional information concerning this matter.

Sincerely,

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May 10, 1996

Mr. William F. Caton  
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Dear Mr. Caton,

Re: WT-Docket No. 95-56, Amendment of the Commission's Rules Concerning Low Power Radio and Automated Maritime Telecommunications System Operations in the 216-217 MHz Band, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, ("NPRM")

We did not file comments in this proceeding last summer because the proceeding is not directly related to our business interests. However, in the past year, we have worked with many representatives of the hearing-impaired community and have become more familiar with their concerns. The portion of the above-referenced NPRM that relates to the Petition for Rulemaking filed by Phonic Ear is of particular interest to the hearing - impaired community. We support Phonic Ear's request for an allocation in the 216-217 MHz band for low power radio service that will provide services and education for disabled persons and for health care because we believe that it serves the public interest. Consequently, we agree with the Commission's conclusion in the NPRM to authorized 30 channels, in the 216-217 MHz band for short range, one-way auditory assistance, health cared and law enforcement tracking communications. We respectfully request that the Commission release its rule in this proceeding as soon as possible so that devices that will assist the hearing impaired community can be brought to market quickly.

Sincerely,

