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Subject: bandwidth

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I read about the proposal Apple put forth to release a portion of the radio frequency spectrum for unlicensed wireless digital communications. The possibilities for educational and community opportunities seem endless. Please make a positive ruling on this proposal.
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Dear FCC:

Below is an excerpt from Gary Chapman's column in the 7-22-96 edition of the LA Times. Following this excerpt are some additional comments from me.

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>A year ago, Apple petitioned the Federal Communications Commission to
>release a portion of the radio frequency spectrum for unlicensed wireless
>digital communications. Apple called this the "NII Band" -- for national
>information infrastructure -- and proposed a bandwidth of 300 megahertz in
>the 5-gigahertz range (5150-5300 MHz and 5725-5875 Mhz).

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>Now the FCC is taking public comment on this proposal before its formal
>rule making. FCC Chairman Reed Hundt announced in May that he intends to
>set aside the bandwidth spectrum that Apple suggested, and even increase it
>by 50 Mhz. This is a surprising move to some, because spectrum auctions
>recently conducted by the FCC have raised tens of billions of dollars for
>the federal government. The bandwidth reserved for unlicensed digital
>wireless networking could be worth tens of billions more.

----- end of excerpt

I read with dismay (last year) at how the U.S. government planned to auction off the airwaves. This, I thought to myself, is the epitome of arrogance.

I'm not against the concept of promoting competition; indeed, we need more of it. What I found most abhorring about the recent auctioning of the airwaves was the fact that the government (FCC) thought the auctioning scenario it set up for this "was fair" and "competitive". The only people who could afford to play in the airwave auctioning game were (and still are)

Fortune 500 companies and the super-rich. How can the FCC view its actions as being "fair" to the common person? How ludicrous!

I strongly urge Reed Hundt and the FCC to consider Apple's proposal to set aside the spectrum mentioned in the above article for the public. Think about 50 or 60 years hence. If we don't set aside spectrum for the "common man" today, our descendants will have to respond, when asked why there are only big companies controlling all the airwaves (and cable spectrum, and wired infrastructure, etc.), "well son...back in the 1990s the Government thought it would be best to "sell" the frequency space usable for communications to the big companies for billions of dollars, so they could continue with their self-promoting policies, entitlements, and parasitic ways." Is this the kind of response you want to force on our descendants.

Responsibly

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TO:
Federal Communications Commission
Public Comment Item 96-102
Washington DC 20554
Attn: Mr. Reed Hundt, Chairman

Dear Mr. Hundt:

As a private citizen, I heartily endorse FCC approval of the "NII-band" national information infrastructure, recently proposed by the Apple Corporation of Cupertino, California.

Free public access to unlicensed bandwidth of the radio spectrum is essential for the health and well being of this nation in the next century.

Such access is particularly needed where individuals, schools, libraries, or other enterprises cannot afford more costly networking schemes such as fiber-optic cable.

Thank you for your foresight and courage in presenting this idea to the public.

With regards,

D. Glenn

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From: William Wallace Donohoe <wdonohoe@eden.com>
To: A16.A16(96-102)
Date: 7/22/96 7:27pm
Subject: Yes to shared public bandwidth

Some kids have access to only one kind of technology - handguns.
Let's give them another one from which to chose.

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From: Gerry Main <74320.1137@CompuServe.COM>
To: FCC <96-102@FCC.GOV>
Date: 7/23/96 12:18am
Subject: Shared Public Bandwidth Proposal

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Dear Sirs:

Though I am one of those lucky individuals, who can afford to access anything offered by the information age, I strongly support the shared public bandwidth proposal. In fact, I strongly support widening this bandwidth.

Once the greed and cost factor is subtracted from computerization of society, we will see a boundless increase in creativity and expression. The results will benefit everyone.

Please make the shared public bandwidth proposal a reality.

Thank you, Dr. Main

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From: Keith & Margaret Reed <rinther@mail.telis.org>
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Subject: NII Band Petition

Before the
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In the Matter of)
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Allocation of Spectrum in the 5 GHz Band) RM-8653
To Establish a Wireless Component of the)
National Information Infrastructure)

In the Matter of)
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Petition for Rulemaking to Allocate) RM-8648 the 5.1 - 5.35 GHz Band and Adopt)
Service Rules for a Shared Unlicensed)
Personal Radio Network)

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I wish to submit these comments to the petition for rulemaking filed by Apple Computer, Inc. ("NII Band Petition"), and by the Wireless Information Networks Forum ("WINForum Petition"), in the above referenced matters. I am filing as an individual and as an elementary school teacher. I strongly support the NII Band Petition and urge the Commission to take the necessary actions necessary to make this proposal a reality as soon as possible.

Our school district is in a very rural area with little chance of getting enough money to network the entire district. I feel that this technology would help our district in accessing the Internet and the other schools in the district with a much smaller investment in hardware.

Respectfully submitted,
Keith Reed

Morongo Unified School District

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From: David Patterson <dap@utk.edu>
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Subject: Free band-width for Schools etc.

This is a letter in support of the proposal to extend free band-width to Schools and other community groups. Such will be of great help to helping avoid some of the extraordinary painful costs of wiring, especially in the old buildings used for most lower income district schools. The private sector, ATT&T etc., should support this since it will create business for them in the long run from people who would otherwise never acquire the taste for the internet.

Thanks for the opportunity.

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TO FCC:

I strongly support the proposal for outdoor digital networks with roughly 17 to 25 miles of range, sufficient for most U.S. communities. This would be a great boon to community networks, schools and libraries.

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Subject: Give Wireless Access to Those Who Need It

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I support the Apple petition to Federal Communications Commission to release a portion of the radio frequency spectrum for unlicensed wireless digital communications.

I do NOT support the contention by those such as WinForum that the transmitters should be limited to the inside of buildings. Please expedite the proposal in its entirety.

-Tom Thornton

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