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William F. Caton, Acting Secretary
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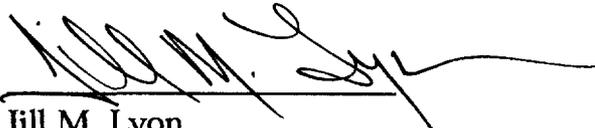
**Re: Notice of oral *ex parte* presentation
Part 27, Wireless Communications Service
WT Docket No. 96-228**

Dear Mr. Caton:

On January 14, 1997, the American Mobile Telecommunications Association, Inc. (AMTA) attended an FCC-sponsored meeting concerning the above-referenced docket conducted by Catherine Sandoval, Director of the FCC's Office of Communications Business Opportunities. Among other FCC personnel present were Deputy Director Eric Jensen, Senior Telecommunications Analyst S. Jenell Trigg and Jonathan Cohen of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau.

The discussion centered around means of providing opportunities for small businesses to participate in the auction of 30 MHz of spectrum in the 2.3 GHz band, mandated by Congress to begin no later than April 15, 1997. AMTA advocated the use of Bureau of Economic Analysis Economic Areas (EAs) as the appropriate geographic area for licensing this spectrum, and substantial bidding credits for small businesses participating in the auction due to the unavailability of installment payment provisions.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations, an original and one copy of this Notice have been submitted.


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Dir of Regulatory Relations

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