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Re: Ex Parte Presentation  
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Dear Mr Caton:

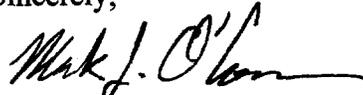
This letter is to notify you that I had a telephone conversation on August 8th with Mr. Sande Taxali of the Commission's Wireless Telecommunications Bureau concerning possible C and F Block auction debt restructuring. Specifically, I explained Omnipoint's position that the FCC should not alter its existing C Block control group rules, including the 25% equity exception. The existing control group rules help to ensure that small businesses control and receive the economic benefits of the C Block licenses, as intended by Congress and mandated by Section 309(j) of the Communications Act. The control group rules have also been the subject of several rule makings over a period of years, and should not now be changed without further opportunity to comment on specific rule proposals by the Commission. Finally, many companies have structured their businesses around these rules and so the Commission would place such companies at a competitive disadvantage vis-a-vis other small businesses in future re-auctions.

An original and one copy of this letter, with attachment, is transmitted herewith for

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inclusion in the above-referenced docket. Should you have any questions concerning this matter, please feel free to contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,



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cc: Sande Taxali (WTB)