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Please forward the following letter
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RM 4267



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Chairman Kennard
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Kennard,

We are filing this letter in support of the Petition for Rule Making filed by the LMCC seeking new spectrum allocation for private wireless users. We applaud the FCC for quickly placing the petition on public notice.

We are a CMRS carrier for paging, and realize the need for other such services, as carriers, to be an integral part of our success in the future. Our small business is located in Millbrook, Alabama and this is our fifth year in business. We employ 7 people from this area and currently provide service to some 1200 businesses and individuals. Two way radio communications is a vital part of our business. We use radios to coordinate our own business activity and find them to significantly improve our ability to coordinate our work activity.

We are increasingly finding that the lack of available spectrum has a negative impact on our ability to provide communications services to our existing and future clients. Our application for 800Mhz spectrum got caught in the freeze of 1994, and we have not been able to build our own efficient means of providing radio service. This is something that would not only help us, but would allow an alternate, and less expensive, means of communications for our clients. Many service related businesses cannot afford the expensive alternative of cellular or ESMR. These services are not the answer to many of the needs our clients have. The inability to provide two way services has caused many businesses to lose productivity and jeopardize the safety of their employees. Their need for immediate access in critical situations is not provided for from these commercially available services.

Our acquisition of spectrum would allow us to fill the needs of many businesses because we understand their varying needs. Priority signaling and specific area coverage's can provide what these businesses need to increase their productivity, and improve the safety of the workplace.

We urge you to consider these issues quickly, as the problems with the lack of spectrum are increasing.

Sincerely,

David Darden
[Signature]
President

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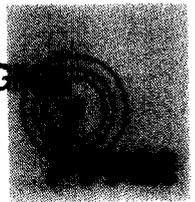


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July 12, 1998

Ms. Magalie Salas
Secretary, FCC
Room 222
1919 M Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: LMCC Petition for Rulemaking (RM-9267)

Dear Ms. Salas:

I strongly support LMCC Petition for Rulemaking (RM-9267). The fast action by the FCC in seeking a public dialogue is commendable.

Our business is engaged in the commercial activity of designing, selling, and installing two-way radio systems to industry, institutions, and government entities throughout Conn. and parts of Rhode Island. We have been in this business of over 37 years and currently employ 21 people. Our customers depend on private two-way radio systems to improve the safety and efficiency of their operation.

A private two-way radio system provides communications in a way that cellular and PCS phone type systems cannot. Our customers have a need for instant, fleet-wide communications. Private systems may be designed in many different configurations allowing us to meet the specific coverage requirements of our customers.

In many instances, we are unable to provide private two-way radio systems to customers who could derive benefit from such a system due to the fact that we are unable to locate a suitable radio frequency. These customers are unable to enjoy the safety and productivity that is possible through the use of a private two-way radio system. Surely, this is not in the public interest.

The FCC should proceed as quickly as possible with this petition. We are experiencing strong economic growth in Connecticut and the lack of spectrum is a major impediment for both my company and our customers. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Howard McAuliffe', written over a horizontal line.

Howard McAuliffe
President

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July 14, 1998

Ms. Magalie Roman Salas, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
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RE: LMCC Petition (RM 9267)

Dear Ms. Salas:

I would like to express my support for the efforts of the Land Mobile Communications Council to acquire more radio spectrum for private land mobile systems. As a CEO of a rural electric cooperative serving 25,000 members in a six county region of central North Carolina, we rely on our radio communications heavily for business communications and for the safety of the public and our employees during emergency outage situations.

Presently, our company has needs for additional radio frequencies in the 158 MHz range to expand communications to meet the demands for voice and data communications to better serve our growing electric customer base. We have applied to the FCC, but due to the congestion in the 158 MHz band range, have been unable to acquire new frequencies for our future needs. Further, we have investigated both the 400 and 800 MHz band range options, both at considerable additional costs, and have found no frequencies available within our service area.

We are concerned about the commercialization of wireless communications and the impact that this will have on dependable and affordable communications in the future. It is more costly to provide electric service in the rural areas due to the low service densities and we depend on affordable access to private wireless communications to help keep our electric rates competitive.

I appreciate your consideration in this matter; and, if I can answer any question, please let me know.

Sincerely,

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