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

Re: LMCC Petition for Rulemaking (RM-9267)

7/21/98

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.

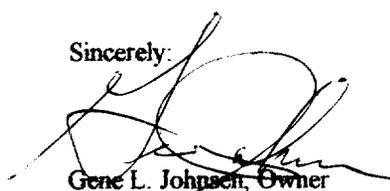
Our business is engaged in the commercial activity of designing, selling, and installing two-way radio systems to industry, institutions, and government entities throughout South Dakota and Western Minnesota. We have been in this business since 1967 and currently employ 4 people. Our customers depend 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. Also in our very rural South Dakota, Cellular and PCS are only providing adequate coverage for less half of our rural Farmers and Ranchers.

In many instances, we are unable to provide private two-way radio systems to customers who derive a 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 our business community, and lack of spectrum is a major impediment to our customers and our business. Also our rural farm and ranch families are trying to survive, and also need spectrum for two-way radio systems to enable the safety and efficiency that two-way radio can provide.

Sincerely:


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