

April 3, 2015

Ex Parte

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Revision of Part 15 of the Commission's Rules to Permit Unlicensed National Information Infrastructure (U-NII) Devices in the 5 GHz Band; Amendment of the Commission's Rules with Regard to Commercial Operations in the 3550-3650 Band, ET Docket No. 13-49, GN Docket No. 12-354

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On April 2, 2015, Lee Schroeder, Michael Olsen, and Emmett O'Keefe of Cablevision, and I met with Renee Gregory, Legal Advisor to Chairman Wheeler. We discussed Cablevision's investment in Wi-Fi networks and that the recent launch of its Freewheel product advances the Commission's goals of advancing competition and innovation through the unlicensed bands. Cablevision explained that, due to accelerating consumer demand for WiFi, it is imperative that additional unlicensed spectrum bands be made available to support further competition and innovation, and that the FCC ensure that existing Wi-Fi consumers are protected from pre-standard LTE-U deployments that would circumvent the collaborative process that has produced successful sharing in unlicensed bands for decades.

First, we discussed that the 5 GHz U-NII-4 band is a perfect band for consumer Wi-Fi expansion because of its adjacency to the existing U-NII-3 band and its ability to support a full 802.11ac channel once paired with U-NII-3. Cablevision explained that, because the IEEE Tiger Team did not produce a recommendation, the Commission should reengage, require parties to submit the record information necessary to develop a sharing approach, and move ahead with a decision if parties cannot reach a compromise. Second, we expressed support for the FCC's pending 3.5 GHz proceeding, and requested that the sensing rules be flexible enough to empower the SAS to permit point-to-point operations that do not interfere with government operations within exclusion zones. Third, we expressed concern that pre-standard deployments of LTE-U pose a potential threat to competition from Wi-Fi technologies, in the 3.5 GHz or 5 GHz bands.

Pursuant to the FCC's rules, I have filed a copy of this notice electronically in the above-referenced proceedings. If you require any additional information please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "A.P. Margie".

Paul Margie
Counsel for Cablevision

cc: meeting participants