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RE: IB Docket #12-340
RE: ET Docket #10-123

Subject: Objection to Efforts of LightSquared

To the Commission:

Since commenting 4 years ago in ET Docket No. 10-123 in objection to the unconscionable interference LightSquared's proposal to NOAA weather data, I had largely assumed those efforts went for naught. Approximately three weeks ago, I received a solicitation from LightSquared requesting what further concerns I still have regarding their proposal.

I hold a Master's in Public Administration Degree from Park University with a 4.000 grade point average in Disaster and Emergency Management. I also hold a Master's in Education in School Law, as well as being a licensee of this Commission since October 23, 1981. I am an advanced weather spotter, certified as such by the U.S. Dept. of Commerce through NOAA (CLA349 is my identification as such). Finally, since retiring from full-time teaching, I am an employee of the federal government having participated on the Kansas City Federal Executive Board (FEB) on behalf of the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) from February 2014 to May 2015 as part of NARA's local safety committee on the continuity of operations group within the FEB. While my comments are submitted as a private citizen, there is no reason those aren't applicable to my official role as a graduate-degreed disaster manager. Given my location within what's well-known as "Tornado Alley," we are dependent upon NOAA weather satellite and data on 1675-1695 MHz. Secondary sources may be our most immediate access, primary access (i.e., direct downlinking) is essential and cannot be interfered with under any circumstances by any commercial interest. Therefore, the concerns I identified in my March 2011 comments to the Commission remain true and I reassert those in these proceedings. The foregoing considered, I respectfully object to LightSquared's prior, current, and ongoing pursuit of the use of 1675-1695 MHz and recommend the Commission deny their request and terminate this and all related proceedings for the foreseeable future.

Respectfully submitted,

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