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*Re: SAL Spectrum, LLC  
Petition for Waiver*

Dear Mr. Wilkins:

As the Mayor of the Town of Red River, I write in support of the petition submitted by Atlantic Tele-Network, Inc. (ATN) and its subsidiary SAL Spectrum, LLC (SAL) seeking a waiver to qualify for the rural service provider bidding credit in the upcoming broadcast incentive auction.

Considering that the bidding credit is intended to enhance the deployment of competitive and innovative service offerings to consumers in rural areas, ATN/SAL should be afforded the benefit of this bidding credit. In fact, with its proven record of deployment to Red River, NM (“our market”) – an area where not many carriers are willing to serve – ATN/SAL is the type of a company that should benefit from the bidding credit.

ATN, was the first company to deploy cellular and data service in our market. Because of ATN’s commitment to serve our market, our local residents have been given the chance to keep pace with the rest of the country. ATN’s commitment to serve our market has improved the quality of life for countless individuals and is essential to the economic development of our community. However, to fully take advantage of the opportunities offered in an increasingly wireless world, we encourage you to give ATN the opportunity to acquire more spectrum on fair terms. Denying ATN/SAL access to the rural bidding credit in the 600 MHz auction would not only tie their hands in the auction but it would also deny consumers in rural areas the benefits we have seen in our market.

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We are grateful for the connectivity that has been provided to us, and Americans living in rural and underserved parts of the country stand to benefit as we have from the efforts of ATN/SAL. Therefore, it would be a serious mistake for the Commission to deprive citizens in rural America of these same opportunities by denying the waiver request and hindering ATN/SAL's ability to compete in the incentive auction.

For these reasons, the Town of Red River encourages the Commission's Wireless Telecommunications Bureau to grant the waiver and extend the rural service provider bidding credit to ATN/SAL.

Sincerely,



Linda Calhoun  
Mayor, Town of Red River

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