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**IB Docket No. 97-95 (RM-881)
COMMENT SOUGHT ON NTIA POSITION ON PROPOSED
RULES TO PERMIT USE OF FREQUENCIES ABOVE
40 GHz FOR NEW RADIO APPLICATIONS**

In IB Docket No. 97-95 (RM-881) the Commission proposes to adopt a new frequency allocation plan for the 36.0-51.4 GHz band. By letter dated September 24, 1998, the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) outlined its position with respect to the future uses for the 42.5-43.5 GHz and 47.2-48.2 GHz segments of that band.. The NTIA suggests that the 42.5-43.5 GHz band be reallocated for exclusive government use and that the 47.2-48.2 GHz band be reallocated for exclusive non-government use. The NTIA notes that currently there are no Commission service rules for 42.5-43.5 GHz and that Federal agencies have no operational frequency assignments in the 47.2-48.2 GHz band at present.

Commission staff seeks comment on the proposed uses of these frequency bands as outlined in the NTIA letter of September 24, 1998. The full text of that letter is available in IB Docket No. 97-95 in the Commission's Office of the Secretary, 1919 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20554. An original and four copies of all comments, captioned with the docket number, should be filed with the Office of the Secretary no later than October 16, 1998.

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