

Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20554

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In the Matter of)
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Revision of Part 22 and Part 90 of the) WT Docket No. 96-18
Commission's Rules to Facilitate)
Future Development of Paging Systems)

To: Chief, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau

PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION

AirTouch Paging of Virginia (the "Petitioner" herein), by its attorneys and pursuant to Section 1.106 of the Commission's Rules,^{1/} hereby files this Petition for Reconsideration of the Commercial Wireless Division's (the "Division") *Order*^{2/} in the captioned proceeding. The following is respectfully shown:

I. INTRODUCTION

1. Petitioner filed applications with the Commission seeking authorizations relating to paging facilities pursuant to the Commission's Rules. Those applications are identified on Attachment 1 to this petition. Those applications were pending with the Commission until the Division issued its *Order* on December 14, 1998. In the *Order*, the

^{1/} 47 C.F.R. §1.106.

^{2/} *Revision of Part 22 and Part 90 of the Commission's Rules to Facilitate Future Development of Paging Systems, Order, WT Docket No. 96-18, DA 98-2543 (rel. Dec. 14, 1998).*

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Division dismissed all pending mutually exclusive paging applications, all pending paging applications (other than those filed for nationwide and shared channels) filed after July 31, 1996, and all pending paging applications that requested spectrum that was previously assigned to another licensee on an exclusive basis.^{3/} Certain of the applications dismissed were those filed by Petitioner and identified on Attachment 1 hereto. Therefore, Petitioner was directly and adversely affected by the Division's *Order*.

2. Petitioner is filing the instant petition to place on the record its protest of the Division's *Order*. Petitioner respectfully submits that the Commission is required, by statute, to employ "engineering solutions, negotiation, threshold qualifications, service regulations, and other means to avoid mutual exclusivity in application and licensing proceedings."^{4/} Further, Petitioner does not believe that there exists a rational basis supporting the dismissal of all applications filed subsequent to July 31, 1996.

3. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Petitioner notes that the Division indicated in its *Order* that these specific issues have been raised by several parties in the context of Petitions for Reconsideration of the Commission's *Second Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking*^{5/} adopted in this proceeding, and that the Commission will address these issues in that forum. The Division indicated further that, if such Petitions for Reconsideration are granted, the applications identified on Attachments A

^{3/} *Order*, para. 1.

^{4/} 47 U.S.C. §309(j)(6)(E).

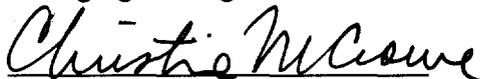
^{5/} 12 FCC Rcd. 2732 (1997).

and B to the *Order* will be reinstated. Petitioner agrees that resolution of these issues by the Commission in the broader rulemaking proceeding represents the most appropriate procedure and forum. Therefore, Petitioner will not argue the merits in full in this petition. Rather, Petitioner seeks to have this petition serve as notice of the Petitioner's objection to the *Order*, and as a request that, should the Commission grant the Petitions for Reconsideration filed with respect to these issues in the broader proceeding, that the Petitioner's applications be reinstated *nunc pro tunc*.

WHEREFORE, the foregoing having been duly considered, Petitioner respectfully submits that the Commission should reconsider the Division's *Order* in the context of the broader rulemaking proceeding, reverse the Division's dismissal of the pending paging applications, and order the Division to reinstate the applications *nunc pro tunc*.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment 1

LICENSEE NAME	CALL SIGN	FCC FILE #	FREQUENCY	CITY	STATE
AIRTOUCH PAGING OF VIRGINIA , INC.	KNKL392	3343496	931.1375	INDEPENDENT HILL	VA
AIRTOUCH PAGING OF VIRGINIA , INC.	KNKL392	3330396	931.1375	DALE CITY	VA
AIRTOUCH PAGING OF VIRGINIA , INC.	KNKL392	3072295	931.1375	HARRISONBURG	VA
AIRTOUCH PAGING OF VIRGINIA, INC.	KNKL416	2638195	931.0625	ROANOKE	VA
AIRTOUCH PAGING OF VIRGINIA, INC.	KNKL416	3710795	931.0625	RICHMOND	VA
AIRTOUCH PAGING OF VIRGINIA, INC.	KNKL416	3725795	931.0625	WINCHESTER	VA