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Re: *Notice of Ex Parte Communication: WT Docket No. 99-168*

Dear Ms. Salas:

This letter is being filed on behalf of Cisco Systems, Inc. ("Cisco"). On 16 November 1999, Greg Raleigh and Bruce Mehlman of Cisco, and undersigned counsel, met with Peter Tenhula, legal advisor to Commissioner Powell to discuss issues raised in the *Notice of Proposed Rulemaking* issued in the above-referenced proceeding. In this meeting, Cisco expressed the following views:

1. The 746-806 MHz band is perfectly suited for the provision of high-speed, low-cost Internet access services by terrestrial fixed systems, particularly in rural areas.
2. The FCC should not adopt auction and licensing rules that effectively preclude the use of this spectrum for such services.
3. To this end, the FCC should auction off a single 36 MHz license (18 MHz x 18 MHz) in each geographic market, and permit this license to be used for either fixed or mobile wireless services. ***Indeed, it is critical that the Commission not auction licenses that are materially smaller than 36 MHz -- for doing so will effectively preclude the use of this spectrum for high-speed broadband access.*** The Commission should further allow the spectrum to be channelized or disaggregated by the licensee.
4. The FCC need not, and should not, establish guard bands to protect public safety users of adjacent spectrum. Rather it should establish whatever out-of-band emission limits are

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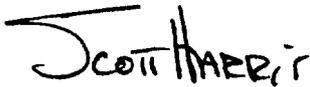
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necessary to protect the public safety spectrum – and let the licensees choose the means to meet those limits.

5. Auctioning 36 MHz licenses will also allow more immediate rollout of high-speed Internet access because service providers will be better able to work around those broadcasters currently using Channels 60-69.

Please direct any questions regarding this notification to me.

Respectfully submitted,


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cc: Peter Tenhula