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Magalie Roman Salas, Secretary
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Re: Notice of Permitted Ex Parte Contact
WT Docket No. 97-82

Dear Ms. Salas:

The purpose of this letter is to advise the Commission of a permitted *ex parte* contact in the above-referenced proceeding. On April 21, 2000, Arthur Prest (Vice President and CTO) of Alpine PCS, Inc. ("Alpine") and the undersigned met with Bryan Tramont of Commissioner Furchtgott-Roth's office to discuss the issues raised in the Petition for Reconsideration filed on April 4, 2000 by US WEST Wireless LLC and Sprint Spectrum L.P. in the referenced proceeding, in addition to the record established in response the Public Notice DA 00-191.¹ Alpine is a qualified designated entity that holds 13 D, E and F block broadband PCS licenses and opposes any attempt to eliminate the designated entity rules for the July 26, 2000 C and F block reauction.

¹ Public Notice DA 00-191, released February 3, 2000.

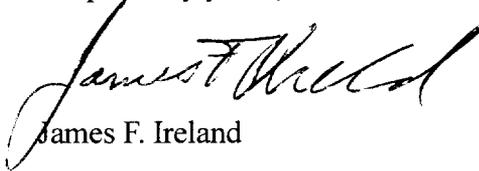
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Specifically, the attendees discussed Alpine's opposition to the various requests to waive or eliminate the FCC's designated entity rules for the upcoming reauction. The discussion focused on the number of designated entities that presently are interested in acquiring spectrum in major markets, the minimum spectrum necessary for DE's to offer competitive services and issues relating to the efficient use of spectrum.

Please contact the undersigned if you have any questions about this matter.

Respectfully yours,



James F. Ireland

cc: Bryan Tramont