



*The Telecommunications and Information
Technology Association for Utilities, Pipelines,
And Other Critical Infrastructure Companies*

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Ms. Magalie Roman Salas
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 - 12th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Ex Parte

Re: ET Docket No. 95-18

Dear Ms. Salas:

This is to notify you, pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's Rules, that John Kneuer, representing the Association of American Railroads (AAR), Nicole Donath, representing the American Petroleum Institute (API), and the undersigned, representing the United Telecom Council (UTC), and the undersigned, also representing UTC, met yesterday afternoon with the staff of Commissioner Powell to discuss some of the issues in the above-referenced proceeding.

The parties, collectively representing the railroads, pipelines and utilities which rely extensively on fixed microwave systems in the 2.1 GHz band, discussed the need for the Commission to ensure that incumbent microwave systems operating in this band must be protected from interference, and that incumbents must be made whole, both financially and operationally, if it is necessary to relocate from the band. The parties specifically objected to recent arguments of satellite proponents that they should not be required to reimburse incumbents, or only provide minimal reimbursement, despite the fact that many of the systems used by the incumbents have significant remaining useful life, and would not be replaced but for the introduction of commercial satellite services in these bands.

If there are any questions concerning this matter, please let me know.

Very truly yours,

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