

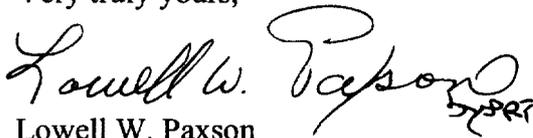
The Honorable Michael K. Powell
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Under the Alliance's plan, some broadcasters clearing the Channels 59-69 band may elect to continue operating in an analog mode on their digital allotments. These stations would probably not transition to digital until the very end of the transition period. I cannot truly estimate how many stations would fall into this category; certainly no more than 80 or 90 and perhaps as few as 40 or 50. But I would note that the Commission has already authorized this procedure for approximately 90-100 television stations that never received a digital allotment and the additional stations who delay their DTV transition will only represent a very small percentage of the television stations in this country. In my opinion, this is a very, very small price to pay for freeing up the 700 MHz spectrum for full wireless use.

I have great faith in your ability to balance the government's interests in clearing the spectrum while advancing the DTV transition. You must determine where the greater good lies and, I hope you will agree with me, that the Alliance's plan will free-up the 700 MHz for 3-G uses while having a very minimal impact on the speed of the DTV transition.

Truly our work on the Spectrum Clearing plan is in part motivated by the compensation factor. But that aside, here is my primary reason for writing. We need an FCC decision on this within two weeks, no more than four weeks. If no decision were to be given in this timeframe, we will have to abandon the Spectrum Clearing Alliance and issue firm commitments to build out our digital construction permits in order to finish by next May.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lowell W. Paxson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "P" and "son" at the end.

Lowell W. Paxson
Chairman

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