

One only has to read the previous comments of many fine citizens of the United States who recognize the need for the 3650-3700 GHz band to remain contention based. WISP operators as well as others understand how much value a contention based band will provide to our local economies. Rural economies need help today in these trying financial times, people are just plain tired of having to deal with more monopolistic behavior coming from our government. Take the right step and keep this band open. Don't fall prey to arguments from the certain equipment manufacturers who presently produce inefficient radios which seek to control the entire bands that they operate in. I ask the FCC to put efficient use of spectrum as one of their most important goals with each and every decision that is made. Frequency is a limited resource that should not be wasted, either with inefficient equipment and/or by auctioning all new spectrum to large companies who seek to control the airwaves and the marketplace by sitting on these licenses for years on end, when they could be used by the society for a better purpose.

I support the comments made by WISPA. My company serves 8 counties in Northeastern Indiana with wireless broadband. Having started in 1997, I have learned many lessons the hard way. Contention based hardware looks to me like a very wise decision for this band and other bands.

Governor Mitch Daniels has set a goal to get broadband to every citizen of Indiana by 2007. It is WISPs who will get this goal accomplished. We need the tools to get the job done quickly. I am working closely with the Office of High-Speed Communications to assist the state government communicate with over 50 WISP operators in the state.

I oppose any reconsideration of your previous decision.

Thank you,

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