

Chairman Kevin J. Martin
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Advanced Wireless Services Docket 00-258

Dear Chairman Martin:

I'm writing to express my concern about the FCC's proposal to require the piecemeal shut down of my wireless broadband Internet service. I subscribe to a wireless broadband Internet service that uses Broadband Radio Service (BRS) spectrum slated for re-auction by the FCC, and I am alarmed that the FCC may force my current wireless broadband service off of the air before replacement spectrum becomes available.

The FCC's proposal in Docket 00-258 would sell off the rights to the spectrum that my wireless broadband service provider uses to offer me service. The new spectrum owner could then turn off my current service whenever a reference table indicates that I might interfere with the services that the new spectrum owner hopes to provide in my area. What's worse, the FCC seems to want my current wireless broadband service provider to shut down before replacement spectrum becomes available to continue to provide me broadband access.

I want broadband service. I subscribe to BRS wireless broadband service because my provider offers a reliable, high-speed broadband alternative with great features and excellent security – all without needing to run a copper wire or cable to my location.

While I support the FCC's efforts to develop opportunities for new wireless services, the FCC should have a clear understanding of how citizens, businesses, and educators who use wireless broadband today will suffer if it forces my wireless broadband service provider out of its existing spectrum before my provider has received replacement spectrum. Rather than require an intrusive piecemeal relocation process, the Commission should ensure that the entire existing system is moved as a unit once new spectrum becomes available, so I can continue to enjoy the same high-quality, wireless broadband service that I experience today without disruption.

Sincerely,

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