

12 January 2007

**Ex Parte**

Ms. Marlene Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20554

*Re: Unlicensed Operation in the TV Broadcast Bands, ET Docket No. 04-186; Proposal for Bi-Directional Digital Cable Compatibility and Related Issues, CS Docket No. 97-80*

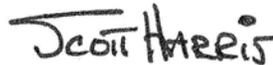
Dear Ms. Dortch:

On 10 January 2007, during the Consumer and Electronics Show in Las Vegas, Michael Dell, Kevin Kettler, and Bill Curtis of Dell, Inc. met with Chairman Martin and with Catherine Bohigian, Chief of the Office of Strategic Planning and Policy Analysis.

During this meeting, Messrs. Dell, Kettler and Curtis indicated Dell strongly supported using the television white spaces for personal and portable unlicensed devices. They said there is a multi-billion dollar market, just waiting to explode, if next-generation home and office wireless networking devices are enabled in the white spaces. They also indicated that the consumer electronics and personal computer industries are ready to provide customers with innovative products incorporating digital cable programming. Accordingly, they also indicated Dell strongly supported the DCR+ proposal, which they said would substantially increase consumer choice by quickly and effectively bringing a wide variety of two-way "plug-and-play" navigation devices to market, as originally envisioned in the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

In accordance with FCC rules, I ask that this letter be filed in the above-captioned dockets.

Sincerely yours,



Scott Blake Harris

cc: Office of Chairman Martin  
Catherine Bohigian