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Date: October 12, 2006
To: Chairman Martin, FCC
From: Laura Phipps
Leaco Rural Telephone
Re: 700 MHz

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Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

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Dear Chairman Martin:

The FCC currently has under consideration a proposal to make potential changes to several of the Commission's initial determination applicable to 700 MHz Band licenses. As a small, rural communications provider in New Mexico, I am extremely interested in the 700 MHz spectrum and believe that this upcoming auction could be an excellent opportunity for our rural subscribers if the spectrum is auctioned in a manner that allows small company acquisition of the spectrum.

The 700 MHz spectrum is particularly well-suited for rural applications. It allows providers to cover vast distances with minimal tower construction and will allow our company to provide our rural consumers with a wireless broadband product. However, we will only have the opportunity to obtain the spectrum if it is auctioned in a manner that permits small companies to participate and win the spectrum for our service territory. I believe that a 20 MHz block of spectrum should be auctioned according to cellular marketing areas (CMAs). This amount of paired spectrum will be necessary to support the wireless broadband applications of the future. If the FCC moves forward with regional licenses, small telcos will be priced out of the market and I can assure you that the large companies will not build out into the rural areas. That has been our mission since our existence -- to provide service to the rural Americans.

We need your help on this and would appreciate the opportunity to purchase some of this spectrum.

Sincerely,

Laura Phipps
General Manager
Leaco Rural Telephone

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From: Derrick [derrick@bektel.com]
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To: KJMWEB
Cc: Derrick
Subject: 700 MHz Auction

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Dear Chairman Martin:

The FCC currently has under consideration a proposal to make potential changes to several of the Commission's initial determination applicable to 700 MHz Band licenses. As a small, rural communications provider in North Dakota, I am extremely interested in the 700 Mhz spectrum and believe that this upcoming auction could be an excellent opportunity for our rural subscribers if the spectrum is auctioned in a manner that allows small company acquisition of the spectrum.

The 700 Mhz spectrum is particularly well-suited for rural applications. It allows providers to cover vast distances with minimal tower construction and will allow our company to provide our rural consumers with a wireless broadband product. However, we will only have the opportunity to obtain the spectrum if it is auctioned in a manner that permits small companies to participate and win the spectrum for our service territory. I believe that a 20 Mhz block of spectrum should be auctioned according to cellular marketing areas (CMAs) This amount of paired spectrum will be necessary to support the wireless broadband applications of the future. If the FCC moves forward with regional licenses, small telcos will be priced out of the market and I can assure you that the large companies will not build out into the rural areas.

Derrick F. Bulawa
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From: Tim Hills [thills@teamhancock.com]
Sent: Friday, October 13, 2006 2:01 PM
To: KJMWEB
Subject: 700 MHz Auction

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Dear Chairman Martin:

The FCC currently has under consideration a proposal to make potential changes in regard to the auction of the 700 MHz Band licenses. As a small rural carrier in Indiana that recently bid on and won an AWS license, I am extremely interested in the 700 MHz spectrum and believe that this upcoming auction could be an excellent opportunity for our rural subscribers if the spectrum is auctioned in a manner that allows small company acquisition of the spectrum.

The 700 MHz spectrum is particularly well suited for rural applications. It allows providers to cover vast distances with minimal tower construction and will allow our company to provide our rural consumers with a wireless broadband product. However, we will only have the opportunity to obtain the spectrum if it is auctioned in a manner that permits small companies to participate and win the spectrum for our service territory. I believe that a 20 MHz block of spectrum should be auctioned according to CMA's. This amount of spectrum will be necessary to support the wireless broadband applications of the future. If the FCC moves forward with regional licenses, small companies will be priced out of the market and I can assure you that the large companies will not build out into rural areas a quickly or efficiently. Moreover, given the entrepreneurial nature of small companies, making spectrum available to small companies will also make wireless to wireless and wireless to wireline competition available to consumers in rural areas.

Sincerely,

Tim Hills
 President
 Hancock Telecom

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William Caton

From: Mike Fugate [mikef@ktis.net]
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Dear Chairman Martin:

The FCC currently has under consideration a proposal to make potential changes to several of the Commission's initial determinations applicable to 700 MHz Band licenses. As a small, rural communications provider in Missouri, I am extremely interested in the 700 MHz spectrum and believe that this upcoming auction could be an excellent opportunity for our rural subscribers, if the spectrum is auctioned in a manner that allows small company acquisition of the spectrum.

The 700 MHz spectrum is particularly well-suited for rural applications. It allows providers to cover vast distances with minimal tower construction and will allow Kingdom Telephone to provide our rural consumers with a wireless broadband product. However, we will only have the opportunity to obtain the spectrum if it is auctioned in a manner that permits small companies to participate and win the spectrum for our service territory. I believe that a 20 MHz block of spectrum should be auctioned according to cellular marketing areas (CMAs). This amount of paired spectrum will be necessary to support the wireless broadband applications of the future. If the FCC moves forward with regional licenses, small telcos will be priced out of the market and I can assure you that the large companies will not build out into the rural areas.

Respectfully,

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