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Re: WT Docket No. 06-150 (Service Rules for the 700 MHz commercial bands); WT  
Docket No. 06-169 (700 MHz Guard Band NPRM).

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On March 2, 2007, representatives of multiple parties supporting the Balanced Consensus Plan for the 700 MHz commercial spectrum band met with Fred Campbell and Jim Schlichting of the Commission to discuss the above-referenced proceedings. The parties and their representatives were: (1) MetroPCS Communications, Inc. ("MetroPCS"), represented by Mark Stachiw, Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary and Carl Northrop and Michael Lazarus of Paul, Hastings, Janofsky & Walker LLP; (2) United States Cellular Corporation ("US Cellular"), represented by George Wheeler of Holland & Knight, LLP; (3) Aloha Partners, L.P. ("Aloha Partners") represented by Tom Gutierrez of Lukas, Nace, Gutierrez & Sachs, Chartered; and (4) Corr Wireless Communications, LLC ("Corr Wireless") represented by Don Evans of Fletcher, Heald & Hildreth, PLC (collectively, the "Parties").

The oral presentation in this meeting was consistent with the pleadings and *ex partes* filed on behalf of MetroPCS, US Cellular, Aloha Partners, and Corr Wireless in the above-referenced proceedings. In addition, the Parties made the points that (1) the AWS auction was a great success and should form the basis for the forthcoming auction procedures for the 700 MHz commercial auction; (2) the commencement date for the 700 MHz auction should not be advanced by too great a period of time from statutory deadline of January 28, 2008; (3) the experience in the AWS auction confirms that combinatorial bidding is not required to enable applicants to assemble larger blocks of contiguous spectrum or licenses in adjacent territories; (4) the construction requirements for 700 MHz licensees should remain consistent with the requirements used for AWS licensees; and (5) the application filing deadline for the 700 MHz auction should come at least six months after the 700 MHz band plan is set, the auction procedures are finalized, and pertinent proceedings affecting adjacent bands have been resolved. In addition, the Parties expressed opposition to the Broadband Optimization Plan.

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A copy of the Balanced Consensus Proposal, filed by 21 commenting parties on October 20, 2006 with the Commission, was distributed at the meeting, and is attached to this *ex parte*.

This letter is being filed pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules. 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206.

Kindly refer any questions in connection with this letter to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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*Re:   **Balanced Consensus Proposal for Reconfiguring the 700  
MHz Band Plans in WT Docket No. 06-150 (REVISED VERSION)***

Dear Ms. Dortch:

After reviewing the initial Comments in this 700 MHz proceeding, and the many common elements reflected in several alternative proposals offered by interested parties to re-configure the Upper and Lower 700 MHz bands, the following entities have agreed upon and hereby submit the enclosed balanced consensus 700 MHz band plan for the Commission's consideration.

The group supporting this Balanced Consensus Plan is extremely diverse, representing a broad cross-section of small, mid-sized, regional and rural carrier interests, as well as the interests of several states. The signatories are:

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Aloha Partners, L.P.  
Blooston Rural Carriers  
C&W Enterprises, Inc.  
ConnectME Authority  
Corr Wireless Communications, LLC  
Dobson Communications Corporation  
Leap Wireless International, Inc.  
Maine Office of the Chief Information Officer  
MetroPCS Communications, Inc.  
National Telecommunications Cooperative Association  
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North Dakota Public Service Commission  
Rural Cellular Association  
Rural Telecommunications Group, Inc.  
Union Telephone Company  
United States Cellular Corporation  
Vermont Department of Public Service  
Vermont Office of the Chief Information Officer  
Vermont Public Service Board  
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The supporters of this consensus proposal consider the attached plan to reflect a sound and balanced approach that will provide for a mix of licenses of varying sizes and geographic regions, which in turn will facilitate the competitive and rapid deployment of innovative wireless services in the 700 MHz bands. The plan thus will advance the goals of promoting economic opportunity and competition, and of disseminating licenses across a wide variety of applicants, expressed by Congress in Section 309(j) of the Communications Act.

Thank you for your consideration.

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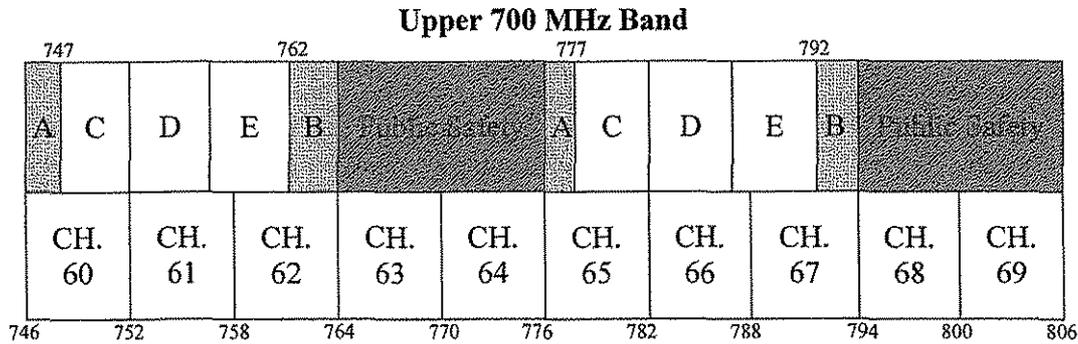
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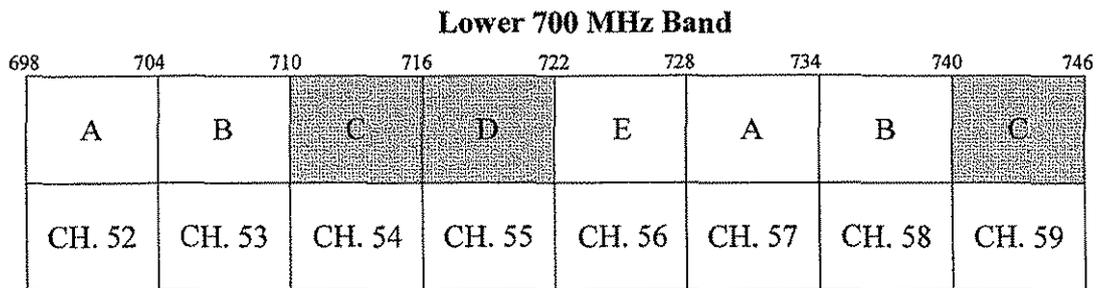
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## BALANCED CONSENSUS 700 MHz BAND PLAN



Block	Frequencies	Bandwidth	Pairing	Area Type	Licenses
A	746-747, 776-777	2 MHz	2 x 1 MHz	MEA	52*
B	762-764, 792-794	4 MHz	2 x 2 MHz	MEA	52*
C	747-752, 777-782	10 MHz	2 x 5 MHz	CMA	734
D	752-757, 782-787	10 MHz	2 x 5 MHz	EA	176
E	757-762, 787-792	10 MHz	2 x 5 MHz	EA	176



Block	Frequencies	Bandwidth	Pairing	Area Type	Licenses
A	698-704, 728-734	12 MHz	2 x 6 MHz	REAG	12
B	704-710, 734-740	12 MHz	2 x 6 MHz	CMA	734
C	710-716, 740-746	12 MHz	2 x 6 MHz	MSA/RSA	734*
D	716-722	6 MHz	unpaired	700 MHz EAG	6*
E	722-728	6 MHz	unpaired	REAG	12

\*Blocks have been auctioned.

Please note that this Consensus Plan is submitted without prejudice to the signatories' ability to support or oppose the Cyren Call proposal that would remove the Upper 700 MHz Band from the auction.