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EX PARTE NOTICE

VIA ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW, Room TW-A325
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: WT Docket No. 06-150
Service Rules for the 700 MHz Commercial Bands

Dear Ms. Dortch:

T-Mobile USA, Inc. (“T-Mobile”) is writing to reiterate the concerns expressed by the Balanced Consensus Plan group over recent reports of a band plan allegedly under consideration by the Commission for the 700 MHz commercial band.¹ As T-Mobile emphasized in its comments filed in this proceeding, it is important that the Commission structure the auction so as to provide reasonable opportunities for entities of all sizes to bid for and win the spectrum they need.² T-Mobile therefore supports the Balanced Consensus Plan group’s position that the Commission should disaggregate the current 20 MHz D Block in the Upper 700 MHz band into two 10 MHz blocks. In addition, T-Mobile agrees with the group that more than one paired frequency block in the 700 MHz band should be designated for licensing in a geographic area smaller than a Regional Economic Area Grouping (“REAG”).

As was the case in the Advanced Wireless Services auction, dividing the 700 MHz spectrum into smaller “building blocks” will help promote robust and efficient use of the band and vigorous competition by enabling different sized entities to bid according to their local spectrum needs. If a bidder wants larger blocks of spectrum and larger geographic areas, there is nothing to prevent it from aggregating the licenses. Providing licenses that are sized in this manner would increase opportunities for additional entrants and thereby increase competition for the spectrum and the services that will be provided over the spectrum.

¹ See *Ex Parte* Letter from members of the coalition supporting the 700 MHz Balanced Consensus Spectrum Band Plan to Chairman Martin, Commissioner Adelstein, Commissioner Copps, Commissioner Tate, and Commissioner McDowell, WT Docket No. 06-150 (filed April 18, 2007).

² See Comments of T-Mobile USA, Inc., WT Docket No. 06-150 (filed Oct. 20, 2006).

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Consistent with the foregoing, the undersigned contacted Erika Olsen, Legal advisor to Chairman Kevin Martin, Barry Ohlson, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Jonathan Adelstein, Bruce Gottlieb, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Michael Copps, Angela Giancarlo, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Robert McDowell and Aaron Goldberger, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Deborah Taylor Tate and communicated this message by telephone.

Please contact the undersigned if you have any questions concerning this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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