

April 23, 2007

*Via Electronic Filing*

Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: WT Docket Nos. 96-86, 06-150 and 06-169  
*Ex Parte Notice*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

The Coalition for 4G in America has previously supported the Broadband Optimization Plan (“BOP”). If the Commission decides not to adopt the BOP, the Commission should adopt the alternative band plan proposed by Access Spectrum, LLC and Pegasus Communications Corporation, as well as taking actions consistent with the other 4G Coalition principles, specifically providing for an 11 MHz paired block licensed in REAGs, with package bidding.

On March 6, 2007, the Coalition for 4G in America, which includes The DIRECTV Group, Inc., EchoStar Satellite, L.L.C., Google Inc., Intel Corporation, Skype, Inc., Yahoo! Inc. and Access Spectrum, LLC, filed a written *ex parte* presentation urging the Commission to take action in the above-referenced proceedings consistent with five principles that included support for the BOP.<sup>1</sup> On April 19, 2007, Access Spectrum and Pegasus recommended the Commission consider an alternative band plan for the Upper 700 MHz spectrum, should the Commission decide not to adopt the BOP.<sup>2</sup>

Although the 4G Coalition continues to support the BOP, it also supports the alternative band plan because it would enable the Commission to take action consistent with the other principles advanced by the 4G Coalition. These other principles facilitate entry by providing: (1) the prompt licensing of an 11 MHz paired block; (2) large geographic areas; and (3) an auction that utilizes package bidding to facilitate bidding for nationwide coverage. The 4G Coalition also notes that, like the BOP, the alternative band plan would satisfy the preconditions established by the public safety community for consolidating the public safety narrowband spectrum, including resolution of the Canadian border interference issue.

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<sup>1</sup> “The Coalition for 4G in America – Optimizing the 700 MHz Band for Next Generation Technologies and Networks,” transmitted via letter to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, Federal Communications Commission from Ruth Milkman, Counsel for Access Spectrum, LLC, WT Docket Nos. 96-86, 06-150 and 06-169 (March 6, 2007)(“4G Coalition principles”).

<sup>2</sup> Letter to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, Federal Communications Commission from Michael Gottdenker and Ruth Milkman on behalf of Access Spectrum, LLC, and Marshall Pagon and Kathleen Wallman on behalf of Pegasus Communications Corporation, WT Docket Nos. 96-86, 06-150 and 06-169 (April 18, 2007).

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Pursuant to the Commission's rules, this letter is being submitted for inclusion in the public record in the above-referenced proceedings.

Sincerely,

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