

October 4, 2007

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 Twelfth Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: *Amendment of Parts 1, 21, 73, 74 and 101 of the Commission's Rules to Facilitate the Provision of Fixed and Mobile Broadband Access, Educational and other Advanced Services in the 2150-2162 and 2500-2690 MHz Bands – WT Docket No. 03-66*

*NOTICE OF ORAL EX PARTE COMMUNICATION*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b)(2) of the Commission's Rules, I am writing to advise the Commission that yesterday Terri B. Natoli of Clearwire Corporation, Kelley Dunne of DigitalBridge Communications Corp., Jennifer M. McCarthy of NextWave Wireless Inc., Trey Hanbury of Sprint Nextel Corporation, Cheryl Crate of Xanadoo, LLC and I met on behalf of the Wireless Communications Association International, Inc. ("WCA") with Cathleen Massey, Paul Murray, David Hu, John Schauble, Nancy Zaczek, and Erik Salovaara of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss WCA's September 12, 2007 letter urging the Commission to expedite the re-auctioning of forfeited Broadband Radio Service ("BRS") Basic Trading Area ("BTA") authorizations. The industry participants in the meeting discussed the need of service providers for access to additional spectrum to promote broadband deployments in the 2.5 GHz band, particularly in rural and other underserved areas of the country. In addition, they noted that the transition to the new 2.5 GHz band plan appears to be lagging in areas where there is no BRS BTA licensee, suggesting that the proposed re-auction will expedite the transition process by putting spectrum into the hands of parties likely to serve as transition proponents. The attached materials were provided to the Bureau representatives.

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Pursuant to Sections 1.49(f) and 1.1206(b) of the Commission's Rules, an electronic copy of this letter is being filed with the office of the Secretary. Should you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

*/s/ Paul J. Sinderbrand*

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Attachments

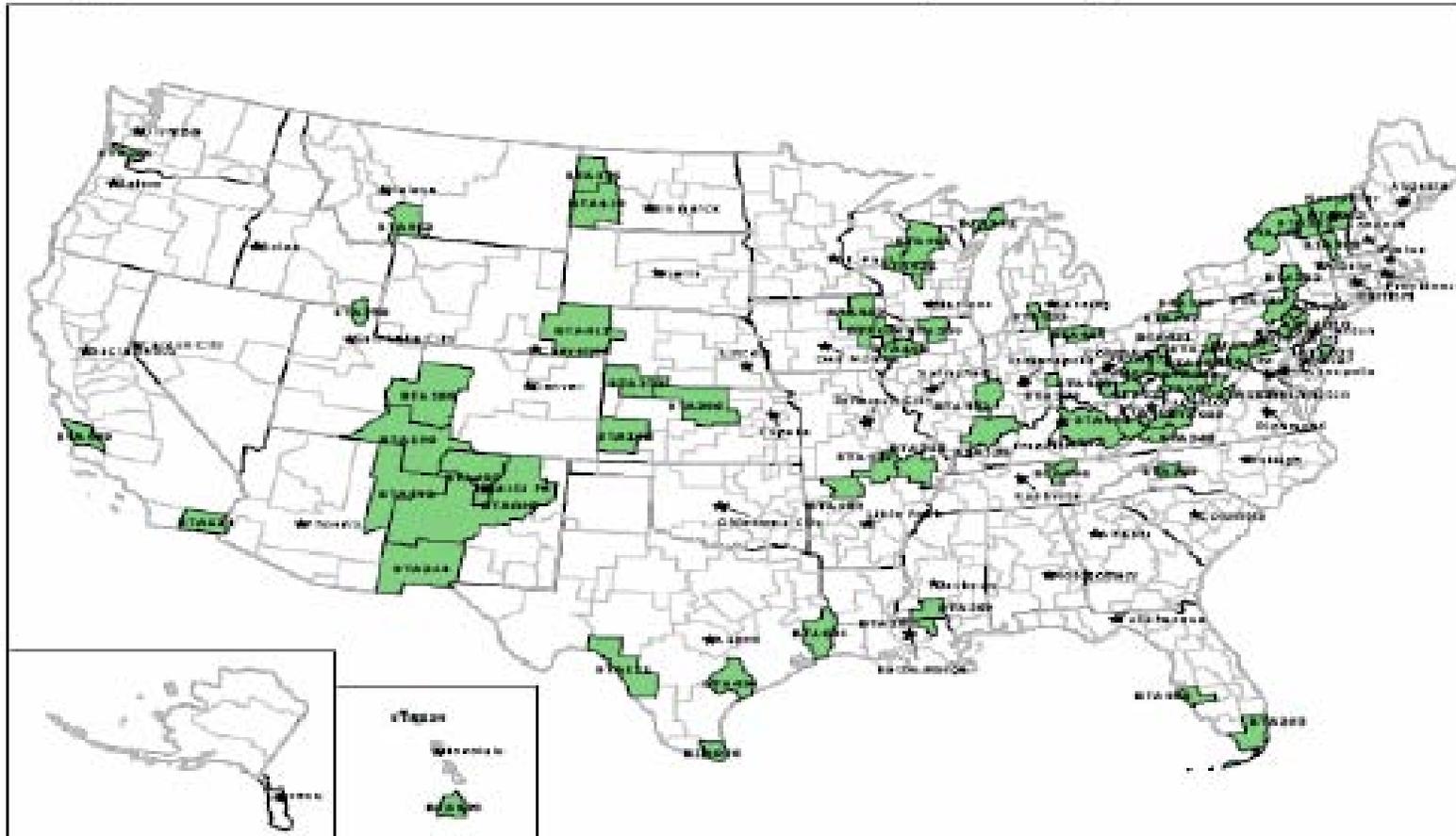
cc: Cathleen Massey  
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Nancy Zaczek  
Erik Salovaara



## **The Case For Expediting Re-auctioning of BRS BTA Authorizations**

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# What BRS BTA Licenses Are Available?



## Why Auction Now?

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- Expedite transition to the new 2.5 GHz band plan
- Spectrum is needed for operators to deploy advanced wireless services, particularly in rural areas where there are fewer incumbent licenses

## 2.5 GHz Band Transition Is Progressing Rapidly

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- **85 BTAs completed**
- **204 BTAs with adopted Transition Plans being implemented**
- **38 BTAs with Initiation Plans on file and negotiations over Transition Plans underway**
- **56 BTAs with Pre-Transition Data Requests outstanding to collect data for inclusion in future Initiation Plans**
- **110 BTAs with no known activity**

## Lack of BRS BTA Holders Slows Transitions

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- Over 70% of BTAs with a BRS BTA holder are at least at Initiation Plan phase
- Less than 40% of BTAs without a BRS BTA holder are at the Initiation Plan phase

## AVAILABLE BRS BTAs

BTA	Market Name
B008	Albuquerque, NM
B010	Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton, PA
B023	Athens, OH
B025	Atlantic City, NJ
B033	Battle Creek, MI
B034	Beaumont-Port Arthur, TX
B035	Beckley, WV
B048	Bluefield, WV
B053	Bozeman, MT
B056	Brownsville-Harlingen, TX
B063	Burlington, VT
B070	Cedar Rapids, IA
B080	Chillicothe, OH
B082	Clarksburg-Elkins, WV
B096	Cookeville, TN
B105	Davenport, IA-Moline, IL
B113	Dickinson, ND
B121	Eagle Pass-Del Rio, TX
B124	El Centro-Calexico, CA
B132	Escanaba, MI
B135	Evansville, IN
B137	Fairmont, WV
B139	Farmington, NM-Durango, CO
B162	Gallup, NM
B163	Garden City, KS
B168	Grand Junction, CO
B179	Hagerstown, MD-Chambersburg, PA-Martinsburg, WV
B180	Hammond, LA
B182	Harrison, AR
B183	Harrisonburg, VA
B189	Hickory-Lenoir-Morganton, NC
B190	Hilo, HI
B215	Jamestown, NY-Warren, PA-Dunkirk, NY
B218	Johnstown, PA
B244	Las Cruces, NM
B252	Lexington, KY
B254	Lihue, HI
B258	Logan, UT
B259	Logan, WV
B261	Longview, WA
B269	McComb-Brookhaven, MS
B270	McCook, NE
B287	Meadville, PA
B293	Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL
B306	Morgantown, WV
B333	Oneonta, NY
B352	Plattsburgh, NY
B355	Poplar Bluff, MO

B370 Reading, PA  
B373 Richmond, IN  
B380 Rockford, IL  
B388 Rutland-Bennington, VT  
B396 Salina, KS  
B405 San Luis Obispo, CA  
B407 Santa Fe, NM  
B408 Sarasota-Bradenton, FL  
B411 Scottsbluff, NE  
B412 Scranton--Wilkes-Barre--Hazleton, PA  
B431 Steubenville, OH-Weirton, WV  
B432 Stevens Point-Marshfield-Wisconsin Rapids, WI  
B435 Stroudsburg, PA  
B442 Terre Haute, IN  
B444 Toledo, OH  
B456 Victoria, TX  
B462 Waterloo-Cedar Falls, IA  
B463 Watertown, NY  
B466 Wausau-Rhineland, WI  
B470 West Plains, MO  
B471 Wheeling, WV  
B474 Williamson, WV-Pikeville, KY  
B476 Williston, ND  
B483 York-Hanover, PA  
B487 Zanesville-Cambridge, OH  
B488 San Juan, PR  
B490 Guam  
B492 American Samoa  
B493 Northern Mariana Islands