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Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
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Re: Service Rules for the 698-746, 747-762 and 777-792 MHz Bands (WT Docket No. 06-150, 06-169, 96-86 and PS Docket No. 06-229; AU Docket No. 07-157)

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On April 4, 2008, Mark Stachiw, Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary of MetroPCS Communications, Inc. ("MetroPCS") and Carl Northrop and Michael Lazarus of Paul, Hastings, Janofsky & Walker LLP participated in a conference call with Commissioner Robert McDowell and Angela Giancarlo.

During this conference call, MetroPCS discussed the difficulties that regional and mid-tier wireless carriers experienced in bidding for wireless spectrum in the recently concluded 700 MHz Band auction. MetroPCS noted the significantly different results for the 700 MHz auction as compared to the advanced wireless services ("AWS") auction. In the AWS auction, MetroPCS noted that several of the mid-tier carriers were successful in garnering significant spectrum and much of it in new geographic areas. MetroPCS also pointed out that although all the mid-tiered carriers were qualified to bid, several, major regional wireless carriers, such as Alltel Wireless and Leap Wireless, were completely shut out of the auction and others such as MetroPCS won considerably less than in the AWS auction.

MetroPCS also discussed its concerns regarding the use of a public-private partnership for any 700 MHz D-Block reauction, consistent with the pleadings and *ex partes* filed on behalf of MetroPCS in the above-referenced proceedings.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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