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

**Re: Service Rules for Advanced Wireless Services in the 2155-2175 MHz Band (WT Docket No. 07-195) (AWS-3);
Service Rules for Advanced Wireless Services in the 1915-1920 MHz, 1995-2000 MHz, 2020-2025 MHz and 2175-2180 MHz Bands (WT Docket No. 04-356)(AWS-2)**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On December 2, 2008, Caressa D. Bennet representing the Rural Telecommunications Group, Inc. ("RTG"), had a conference call with Renee Crittendon of Commissioner Jonathan S. Adelstein's office to discuss T-Mobile USA, Inc.'s ("T-Mobile") November 17, 2008 ex parte filing in the above-referenced proceedings which elaborates on the benefits of adopting a band plan that combines the 20 MHz AWS-3 band with the 10 MHz J Block to provide for an efficient broadband maximization plan utilizing asymmetric pairing. RTG indicated to Ms. Crittendon that it supports T-Mobile's proposal of asymmetrically pairing AWS-3 with the lower J Block. Ms. Bennet also indicated that RTG would be open to the idea of a flexible band plan that would allow a combination of blocks of spectrum to be aggregated in an auction provided certain safeguards are in place for the bidder to opt out of a block if the bidder did not successfully aggregate the needed spectrum. In addition, Ms. Bennet emphasized the need for small CMA sized license areas for the AWS spectrum so that new entrants, as well as small and rural auction participants, would not be precluded from participation in the AWS-3 auction.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's Rules, this letter is being filed via ECFS with your office. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

The Rural Telecommunications Group, Inc.

By: /s/ Caressa D. Bennet
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cc (via email): Renee Crittendon, Commissioner Adelstein's Office