



December 9, 2008

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

Ex Parte Notice:

In the Matter of Service Rules for Advanced Wireless Services in the 2155-2175 MHz Band, WT Docket No. 07-195

In the Matter of 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

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Monday, December 8, 2008, Jill Canfield of the National Telecommunications Cooperative Association (NTCA) and Brian Ford of the Organization for the Promotion and Advancement of Small Telecommunications Companies (OPASTCO) (collectively, the Associations) met with Charles Mathias of Chairman Martin's office to discuss a reported FCC plan to auction certain Advanced Wireless Services (AWS)-2 and AWS-3 spectrum blocks as a single nationwide license with a requirement that the licensee provide free broadband service. The Associations stated that mandating the AWS-3 band licensee to provide free broadband service would place rural incumbent local exchange carriers' broadband service offerings at a competitive disadvantage and would discourage further investment in rural broadband infrastructure. The Associations discussed the licensing of the spectrum on the basis of Cellular Market Areas, providing rural wireless carriers a realistic opportunity to participate in an auction.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, a copy of this letter is being filed via ECFS with your office. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 703-351-2020.

Sincerely,

/s/ Jill Canfield
Jill Canfield
Senior Regulatory Counsel
Legal and Industry

cc: Charles Mathias