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11/3/2008 12:25:29 PM - Email Acknowledgement sent to
betsyedge@buncombe.main.nc.us.

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betsyedge@buncombe.main.nc.us wrote on 10/31/2008 1:03:28 AM :

Dear Chairman Martin and Commissioners Copps, Adelstein, Taylor Tate, &
McDowell,

Please allow the Nov. 4th vote to take place on unlicensed use of "white spaces"
to solve rural broadband problems , and please do not allow the TV broadcasters
or anyone else to use their political power/clout to stop or delay this vote! It has
been delayed over and over again the past 6 years, and If it is delayed once
again, this would roll the matter/vote over to the new administration, essentially
risking starting the whole process over again, and/or delaying it indefinitely.

Please do not let this happen! Thank you so much for your hard work on this
matter. Sincerely, Helen Elizabeth Edge

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11/3/2008 12:25:08 PM - Email Acknowledgement sent to
lynncox@buncombe.main.nc.us.

lynncox@buncombe.main.nc.us wrote on 10/31/2008 9:33:49 AM :

Dear Commissioners:

I am an attorney practicing in Western North Carolina. I represent many small businesses, farmers, and rural landowners who would benefit greatly from the opportunities that would be available to them if they had reliable broadband access.

I urge you to move forward with rulemaking on the white space issue, despite the incredible pressure you are receiving from powerful broadcasters and lobbyists. The ability to use vacant tv channels for broadband access will help our rural communities create ways to weather the serious economic downturn they now face.

Sincerely,

Lynn Cox
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Asheville, North Carolina 28804

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11/3/2008 12:23:56 PM - Email Acknowledgement sent to
rphillips4975@mac.com.

rphillips4975@mac.com wrote on 10/31/2008 10:42:54 AM :

My name is Ron Phillips, and I live in Asheville, NC. I'm writing to thank Chairman Martin for moving forward with the white spaces rulemaking. Unlicensed use of these vacant TV channels is our only hope for solving the rural broadband problem, especially with the financial problems facing our nation. Please, do not cave in to the lobbying pressure from the TV broadcasters. Go forward with your scheduled vote on Nov. 4. Thanks.

P.S. I'm a voter!!

Ron Phillips
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11/3/2008 12:24:41 PM - Email Acknowledgement sent to ushapusha@yahoo.com.

ushapusha@yahoo.com wrote on 10/31/2008 9:51:04 AM :

My name is Jamie Christianson from Asheville, North Carolina. I'm writing to thank you for moving forward with the white spaces rulemaking. Unlicensed use of these vacant TV channels is our only hope for solving the rural broadband problem, especially with the financial problems facing our nation. Please, do not cave in to the lobbying pressure from the TV broadcasters. Go forward with your scheduled vote on Nov. 4. Thanks

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11/3/2008 10:49:10 AM - Email Acknowledgement sent to jsaarela@tv7-4.com

jsaarela@tv7-4.com wrote on 10/31/2008 3:44:16 PM :

To: FCC Commissioners,

Re: Upcoming vote on the proposal to allow unlicensed devices into the digital spectrum.

I can hardly believe that you would even consider this proposal let alone take a vote on this without looking to the people it will most effect. I honestly feel somewhat betrayed. With the upcoming DTV Government Mandated Plan (Your imposed plan), our time (hosting DTV Speeches all over our markets and all the airtime we've committed to the cause) cost and energy to make the upcoming transition as smooth as possible is wasted. Why would you let unlicensed devices into the spectrum that will basically undo everything we are trying to do! We are having a hard enough time as it is identifying those homes that will be affected and lose their signal come February 17 without trying to figure out what unlicensed device is blocking it. Please remove this from the November 4th vote.

Regards,

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11/3/2008 12:24:19 PM - Email Acknowledgement sent to ivyhillsfarm@hotmail.com.

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ivyhillsfarm@hotmail.com wrote on 10/31/2008 10:22:44 AM :

Thank you for moving forward with the white spaces rulemaking. Unlicensed use of these vacant TV channels is our only hope for solving the rural broadband problem, especially with the financial problems facing our nation. Please, do not cave in to the lobbying pressure from the TV broadcasters.

Go forward with your scheduled vote on Nov. 4.

Many thanks,

Pete & Schell Alexander

Marshall, NC

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11/3/2008 12:24:18 PM - Email Acknowledgement sent to rbwnc@charter.net.

rbwnc@charter.net wrote on 10/31/2008 10:24:53 AM :

Dear Commissioner McDowell:

Thank you for moving forward with the "white spaces" rulemaking. Unlicensed use of these vacant TV channels is our only hope of solving the rural broadband problem, especially with the financial problems facing our nation. Please do not give in to lobbying pressure from the TV broadcasters. Go forward with your scheduled vote on November 4.

Very truly yours,
Randy Bernard
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11/3/2008 3:27:01 PM - Email Acknowledgement sent to
ajbrooks@mindspring.com.

ajbrooks@mindspring.com wrote on 10/30/2008 5:31:18 PM :

Respectfully submitted.

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October 30, 2008
Federal Communications Commission
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Washington, DC 20554

**Re: Ex Parte Comments, ET Docket No. 04-186;
Introduction of Unlicensed Devices into the "White Spaces" Television Band**

Dear Chairman Martin and Commissioners Copps, Adelstein, Tate and McDowell:

I am writing you today as the Co-State Chair of the Emergency Communications Committee for the State of Arizona and a broadcaster for 35 years because I am concerned about the impact of the apparent rush to judgement decision to allow unlicensed, radio-frequency emitting portable devices to operate in the so-called "white spaces" of the television broadcast spectrum. These devices have the potential for further improving] our quality of life and I am not opposed to the manufacture and distribution of them so long as they do not cause harmful interference to television stations and so long as they can be identified and their owners be held accountable if such interference does occur. During this time of economic challenge, I understand the pressure to get these devices to the market. However, the rush to place new technology on store shelves should not displace the common-sense need to determine whether these devices will operate as intended and not interfere with existing technology.

In the past year, Arizona people have depended on the Emergency Alert System and local broadcasters to warn them about such life threatening-emergencies as flash floods from broken levees to hazardous materials spills to severe weather to AMBER Alerts. But if interference from "white-space devices" degrades television reception our residents and visitors won't be able to depend on local broadcasters for this critical information. And if people have to spend money on dedicated warning systems that are not vulnerable to interference from white space devices, we run the risk of seeing our society divided into two classes: the informed and the uninformed.

In addition, our broadcasters have spent a lot of money upgrading their equipment to provide their audiences with the new, high-quality, digital signals. And after spending their hard-earned money on products and services like converter boxes, cable subscriptions and new televisions, viewers will be not be happy when they find out that those high-quality digital signals are subject to interference from the new white space devices and there's no way to tell them the specific source of that interference. They will surely want to know why the FCC did not take adequate steps to safeguard their ability to receive interference-free reception on their television sets.

For these reasons, I am asking the FCC to delay any vote and decision on white space devices until the public, in Nevada and other states, has the opportunity to review and comment on OET'S engineering report on which such vote depends. And in addition, the FCC should have adequate time to consider those comments, especially those related to the impact of these devices on public warning and emergency communications. While this issue involves issues of physics and technology, where physics controls, and technology cannot not adequately accommodate competing spectrum uses, interference-free spectrum used by broadcasters must be considered sacred so that we do not lose lives because unlicensed, portable "white spaces" devices impede emergency information to the public.

Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Reymont". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "R".

Robert Reymont
Arizona Co-Chair
State Emergency Communications Committee

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10/25/2008 12:26:05 PM - Email Acknowledgement sent to
doug@cheshireroad.com.

doug@cheshireroad.com wrote on 10/25/2008 12:25:16 PM :

PLEASE!! Don't reallocate white space frequencies for data!!! We often encounter concert/tradeshows/business meeting environments which require 50-100 dedicated UHF frequencies for microphones, in-ear monitoring (IFB), and production communications. Such reductions will significantly affect the way these events communicate.

Thanks and regards,

Doug Larsen
Principal, Cheshire Road Productions & Freelance Sound Reinforcement
Engineer

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davidbteague@verizon.net wrote on 10/31/2008 1:43:17 PM :

Dear Commissioner Adelstein:

I am writing to thank Chairman Martin for moving forward with the white spaces rule making. Unlicensed use of these vacant TV channels is our only hope for solving the rural broadband problem, especially with the financial problems facing our nation.

The objection of the NAB is about protecting their turf. It is not in the public interest.

Please, do not cave in to the lobbying pressure from the TV broadcasters. Go forward with your scheduled vote on Nov. 4, and please vote for this important use.

David B Teague
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11/3/2008 10:49:30 AM - Email Acknowledgement sent to raschio@kval.com.

raschio@kval.com wrote on 10/31/2008 2:39:29 PM :

Dear Chairman Martin;

I am writing to urge you and your fellow commissioners to suspend the planned vote on November 4, 2008 on a proposal to allow unlicensed devices to operate in the television broadcast spectrum. Further, to delay any such vote on this proposal until adequate time is provided for public comment and to fully vet the FCC Office of Engineering and Technology's recent report on this matter.

It is my understanding the OET study has demonstrated, beyond any doubt, that unlicensed devices relying exclusively on spectrum sensing will cause harmful interference to millions of consumers' digital television sets and government subsidized converter boxes. The current proposal will undermine the delivery of television programming and is entirely inconsistent with the technical data contained in the FCC's report. Additionally, the FCC tests show there will be interference to cable viewing; and the tests also indicate these devices will interfere with wireless microphones that are used to provide live sports, news coverage and live performances.

Our company, along with every other television broadcaster in this country, has worked extremely hard to prepare for the digital transition and educated viewers. Disruptive interference of digital signals, particularly during this period, would be most harmful to the process. This is surely not the time to move forward with allowing unlicensed devices to operate in the television broadcast spectrum.

Warmest regards,

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11/3/2008 10:50:09 AM - Email Acknowledgement sent to
mikpo@mindspring.com.

mikpo@mindspring.com wrote on 10/31/2008 12:35:27 PM :

My name is Henry Pope, and I'm writing from Mardison County, Western North Carolina. I'm writing to thank you, Commisioner Robert McDowell for moving forward with the white spaces rulemaking. Unlicensed use of these vacant TV channels is our only hope for solving the rural broadband problem, especially with the financial problems facing our nation. Please, do not cave in to the lobbying pressure from the TV broadcasters. Go forward with your scheduled vote on Nov. 4. Thanks

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