

May 28, 2009

Via Electronic Filing

Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re : *Notification of Ex Parte Presentation*
WT Docket Nos. 08-166 & 08-167; ET Docket Nos. 02-380 & 04-186

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of Verizon Wireless, Don Brittingham, Assistant Vice President, and Bryan Tramont and the undersigned, outside counsel, met with Rick Chessen, Chief of Staff, and Paul Murray, Interim Legal Advisor, Office of Acting Chairman Michael Copps, and with Angela Giancarlo, Chief of Staff and Senior Legal Advisor, Office of Commissioner Robert McDowell, on May 27, 2009, to reiterate the pressing need to promptly eliminate wireless microphone operations in the 700 MHz band.

Verizon Wireless stated that it will deploy LTE technology in its licensed 700 MHz spectrum, and limited testing and operation of the technology will occur in some markets immediately following the end of the DTV Transition. Consequently, the company would prefer that wireless microphones and similar devices that operate in its spectrum cease operations on or before June 12, 2009. Verizon Wireless recognizes that the Commission may wish to provide an additional period for these devices to vacate the band. However, it is important that all such devices be required to vacate the band before 700 MHz licensees launch commercial service.

As the Commission is aware, Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials, International (APCO), National Emergency Number Association (NENA), National Public Safety Telecommunications Council (NPSTC), and CTIA—The Wireless Association® have supported a limited extension for ongoing wireless microphone operations in the 700 MHz band so long as such operations do not extend beyond February 18, 2010.¹ Verizon Wireless supports this hard date as well.

¹ See Letter from Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials, International (APCO), CTIA—The Wireless Association®, National Emergency Number Association (NENA), and National Public Safety Telecommunications Council (NPSTC) to the FCC, WT Docket Nos. 08-166 & 08-167 (Apr. 7, 2009).

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Verizon Wireless plans to launch commercial service in the 700 MHz band in 25-30 cities in mid-year 2010. To facilitate that deployment schedule, several months of pre-launch operations will be necessary in those cities to optimize the LTE network. In order to ensure that continued operation of wireless microphones does not disrupt pre-launch operations and commercial service, a hard date of February 18, 2010 is necessary.

Finally, Verizon Wireless urged release of an FCC Consumer Advisory that would: announce February 18, 2010 as the hard date for wireless microphones to vacate the 700 MHz band; alert wireless microphone users that as of June 12, 2009, they may experience increased interference if their devices operate in the 700 MHz band; establish with certainty that wireless microphone users may lawfully operate in the TV Bands below 700 MHz and that they may purchase and immediately make use of wireless microphone equipment operating on frequencies below 700 MHz.

In accordance with Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules, this letter is being filed electronically with your office. Please contact the undersigned if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,

/s/

Adam D. Krinsky

cc: Rick Chessen
Paul Murray
Angela Giancarlo