



The Senate of The State of Texas

Hatsy Spahr
Secretary of the Senate

February 12, 2010

The Honorable Julius Genachowski, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Comments to Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking
Amendment of Parts 15, 74, and 90 of the Commission's Rules Regarding Low Power
Auxiliary Stations, Including Wireless Microphones
WT Docket Nos. 08-166, 08-167; ET Docket No. 10-24

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

Senate Media Services, a department within the Texas Senate, is responsible for producing live PA for all official legislative sessions of the Texas Senate, all Senate committee hearings, and all other Senate-related events, live broadcast Capitol-wide, and a webcast extension of that broadcast worldwide. Audio recordings of every event are also maintained as the official legal record of the proceedings.

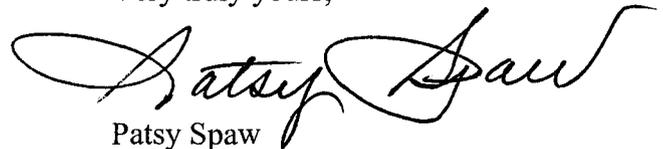
It is essential to our day-to-day operations that the wireless devices we use are protected from interference and that those devices are eligible for any necessary license. Throughout an average day in the Texas Senate, we employ the use of various wireless microphones, wireless assisted listening devices, wireless speakers, and wireless receivers for video production (See Attachment for more details). These devices are critical in supplementing our installed audio and video systems.

An open and transparent government is necessary in a democratic society and viewing government proceedings is invaluable to the people of Texas. Wireless signal interference not only disrupts broadcasts and webcasts, but affects the official final recordings and the proceedings themselves through virtue of live audio in the rooms.

Please ensure that any rule changes adopted by the FCC will allow us to obtain any necessary FCC wireless microphone licenses. The Texas Senate relies heavily on these devices and their uninterrupted functionality is critical to the provision of open government proceedings to the people of the State of Texas.

If you have any questions regarding these comments, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Patsy Spaw". The signature is written in a cursive style with large, flowing loops.

Patsy Spaw
Secretary of the Senate

Attachments

A Rundown of Devices currently in use by the Texas Senate

Lectrosonics #UM400 UHF Belt-Pack Transmitter (1)
Lectrosonics #UCR401 Wireless Receiver (10)
Listen Technologies #LR-600 Wireless Speaker/Receiver (4)
Listen Technologies #LT-800-series Stationary Transmitters (6)
Listen Technologies #LR-300-072 Wireless Receivers (multiple)
Shure #UR1 Wireless Bodyback Transmitter (4)
Shure #UR2/KSM9 Dual -Diaphragm Condenser Microphone (4)
Shure #UHF-R Wireless Receiver (4)
Telex RadioCom #BTR-800 Base Station Receiver (1)
Telex RadioCom #TR-825 Beltpack Transmitters (4)