

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

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The Honorable Julius Genachowski  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
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Washington, DC 20554

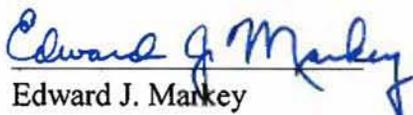
Dear Chairman Genachowski:

Under your leadership, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) continues its important work on the National Broadband Plan to integrate broadband into national priorities such as health, education, energy and the environment, economic opportunity, and public safety. The Plan will enable the efficient, unfettered flow of information, improve access to data and inform policymaking while supporting innovation in the private sector. As the FCC concludes its work on the Plan, we are writing to request that the FCC move as expeditiously as possible to adopt final rules governing the Wireless Communications Service (WCS) spectrum as part of its implementation of the Plan.

As you know, the 2.3 GHz WCS spectrum has been mostly fallow for over a decade in large part because final technical rules have not yet been adopted. Until final rules are issued, equipment manufacturers and wireless network operators cannot offer consumers cost-effective wireless mobile broadband services. While the technical rules for the WCS spectrum have been drafted at the Commission, they understandably have been on hold during the formulation of the Plan. We are hopeful that given that much of the intensive work on the WCS rulemaking already has been completed, final rules will be issued in conjunction with, or soon after, the promulgation of the Plan in March.

We look forward to hearing the Commission's plans for finalizing rules for the WCS spectrum.

Sincerely,

  
Edward J. Markey

  
Doris O. Matsui

cc. Commission Meredith Baker  
Commissioner Michael Copps  
Commissioner Mignon Clyburn  
Commissioner Robert McDowell



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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON

March 3, 2010

The Honorable Edward Markey  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2108 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Markey:

Thank you for your letter regarding the Wireless Communications Service (WCS) proceeding currently pending before the Commission. I share your view about the benefits that wireless broadband service will bring to the public, and your desire to resolve this proceeding quickly.

The Commission is actively engaged in addressing interference issues that might exist between WCS and the Satellite Digital Audio Radio Service (SDARS). Although service rules for both were issued when the services were established in 1997, the general service rules adopted for SDARS did not address operation of SDARS repeaters. A principal challenge has been the difficulty of resolving interference issues between SDARS repeaters and WCS operations located in adjacent frequency bands in a way that will permit the two services to co-exist.

My goals are to resolve the WCS/SDARS proceeding as expeditiously as possible in order to determine the appropriate balance of technical parameters that will enable WCS licensees to offer new mobile services to the public while preserving high quality SDARS service. We will place your letter in the record to consider as part of our deliberations.

I appreciate your interest in this very important matter. If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

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March 3, 2010

The Honorable Doris O. Matsui  
U.S. House of Representatives  
222 Cannon House Office Building  
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