

Comments Regarding FCC Decision on Light Squared.

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I am deeply concerned about LightSquared using the current GPS frequency for terrestrial broadcasting. We currently use a Dual Frequency high-precision GPS receiver at the City of West Linn for vital location information of water, sewer, and stormwater infrastructure in our geographic information system (GIS). Our GIS mapping is used on a daily basis for providing utility services to citizens of West Linn. I understand that the LightSquared system would make our equipment obsolete and completely useless! Under the currently budget constraints in our organization we would not be able to replace the equipment and it would be a huge financial burden and greatly affect our GIS at the City. I believe that the FCC needs to evaluate the fiscal impact of the decision they are about to make. Please take the time to understand the impact this action will have on current high-precision GPS user community throughout the country, even small cities like West Linn. The current high-precision GPS user community should not bear any cost related to LightSquared implementing its system.