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Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: LightSquared Petition for Declaratory Ruling
IB Docket No. 11-109; ET Docket No. 10-142

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf LightSquared, I am writing in support of the Petition for Declaratory Ruling filed by LightSquared Inc. on December 20, 2011 and placed on public notice by the Commission on January 27, 2012.

As the Commission knows, LightSquared will operate its planned 4G LTE wireless on a wholesale basis. This approach will enhance competition significantly by facilitating the ability of new providers to enter local, regional, and nationwide markets and serve consumers. For example, by utilizing the Lightsquared wireless spectrum coverage areas, Telecom Ventures, LLC as well as Assist Wireless, LLC will be able to expand lifeline voice and digital broadband internet offerings to low income consumers.

More specifically, this wholesale-only model will allow LightSquared's partners to overcome the high barriers to market entry—including potentially prohibitive network deployment and roaming costs, as well as spectrum scarcity—that could otherwise unduly raise their operating costs, or preclude them from operating altogether. Without implementation of this network consumers for lifeline voice and broadband services will continue to be underserved in many areas. By affirming LightSquared's rights as described in the Petition, the Commission would facilitate our ability to deliver the tangible benefits of more robust competition to consumers in the form of higher quality service, lower rates, and expanded voice and broadband service options.

At the same time, granting LightSquared's Petition would reinforce the integrity of the Commission's rules, and provide the regulatory certainty necessary for companies like Telecom Ventures, LLC, Assist Wirleess, LLC, New Talk, Inc., and LightSquared to attract investment and continue developing innovative communications solutions that truly benefit consumers. It bears emphasis that LightSquared's Petition does *not* ask the Commission to

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waive its rules or afford LightSquared special treatment in any way. Rather, the Petition merely asks the Commission to affirm its *existing* legal and policy framework for spectrum licensing and usage rights, which (i) has been in place for decades; (ii) formed the basis for the technical standards developed cooperatively by LightSquared and the commercial GPS industry almost a decade ago; and (iii) has been relied upon by LightSquared and its investors, customers, and others throughout the implementation of the LightSquared network.

Hundreds of millions of American consumers would benefit from the greater competition that would be made possible by LightSquared's network—consistent with the objectives of the *National Broadband Plan*. Accordingly, I urge the Commission to grant LightSquared's Petition on an expedited basis.

Respectfully submitted,

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