

# THE HERRON COMPANY, LLC

December 19, 2012

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

Re: DA 12-1863, IB Docket No. 12-340, RM-11683 – Reply Comments

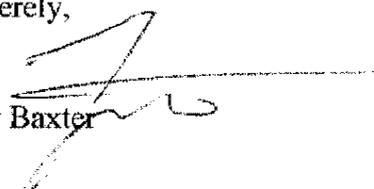
Dear Chairman Genachowski:

With 2012 coming to a close and the “fiscal cliff” on the tip of everyone’s tongue, I want to point out another cliff our nation is rapidly approaching..a spectrum cliff, resulting from not enough spectrum for wireless broadband use. While a compromise is sought on the fiscal level, it’s crucial that we implement some real solutions related to spectrum as well, in order to ensure that there is enough spectrum for all Americans to access affordable broadband.

Keeping in mind that the GAO has determined that at least some portion of federal spectrum is only used intermittently, it makes sense to find ways to consolidate, combine, and otherwise share spectrum to avoid “running out.” LightSquared has identified one such opportunity, and applied for a spectrum reassignment which would allow the company to share some of this intermittently-used spectrum with the federal government. Avoiding the spectrum cliff requires finding innovative solutions just like this one, and I applaud LightSquared for not only solving the problems related to GPS interference, but for simultaneously stretching a few MHz of our valuable spectrum.

The nation’s wireless marketplace needs more competition and more broadband spectrum. I urge you to grant LightSquared’s application and take a step away from the spectrum cliff.

Sincerely,

  
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