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

Re: DA 12-1863, IB Docket No. 12-340, RM-11683
Public Notices for LightSquared's License Modification
Application and Petition, Reply Period

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit reply comments regarding LightSquared's ongoing efforts to build out a new, competitive mobile broadband network. I have followed the northern Virginia company's activities with the Commission. I submitted a letter during the initial comment period, and now I would like to comment on the letters submitted by others.

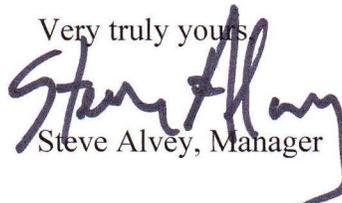
The Computer and Communications Industry Association, an industry think tank, said in its comments, "LightSquared's business plan, backed up by billions of dollars in new investment, would bring an additional facilities-based competitor to the most concentrated wholesale portion of the wireless market. It will enable consumer electronics retailers, device manufacturers, and many smaller carriers to offer mobile wireless service with a national footprint reaching into chronically unserved and underserved rural areas."

That quote describes most areas of Western Kentucky perfectly, as "chronically unserved and underserved rural areas." The fact that an industry group like the CCIA is interested in providing broadband service to rural areas like ours is wonderful in itself, and I hope it will help convince the FCC to allow LightSquared to move forward with its plans.

I manage a farm supply business in Leitchfield, Kentucky. As a small businessman in a small rural community, I know better than most the need for good broadband service in rural areas. I have served as a volunteer fireman for a number of years, and I have written letters in the past to the FCC and other governmental agencies in my role as volunteer fireman, seeking to help LightSquared implement its revolutionary 4G cellular telephone and wireless broadband network, which will be of great help to the economy of rural Kentucky and rural areas around our nation.

Thank you for allowing me to comment on these important issues, and once again, I strongly urge the FCC to grant LightSquared's pending application for a license modification.

Very truly yours,


Steve Alvey, Manager