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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 Period

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

I wrote to the Commission during the Comment Period to urge that the FCC grant the application for license modification filed by LightSquared. I have a deep interest in this area. As I told you in my earlier letter, I serve as County Judge Executive of Powell County, Kentucky, a small, rural county, which suffers from very poor cell phone and broadband internet service.

I pointed out that it is difficult to persuade cellular carriers to invest capital in infrastructure in places like Powell County, and that the only way of introducing such a network is through private investment. I think the Computer and Communications Industry Association said what I was trying to say very succinctly:

“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.”

Powell County is one of those “chronically unserved and underserved rural areas.” Because we need better cell service in Powell County for all the reasons I have pointed out in my past letters, I encourage the FCC to grant the application of LightSquared for a license modification. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James Anderson".

Judge James Anderson