



**RTG – advocate for rural wireless telecommunications providers
Washington, DC**

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Via Electronic Delivery

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW, TW-A325
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: Amendment of Parts 1, 2, 22, 24, 27, 90 and 95 of the Commission’s Rules to Improve Wireless Coverage Through the Use of Signal Boosters
WT Docket No. 10-4**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On February 12, 2013, I spoke by telephone with Roger Noel, Chief of the FCC’s Wireless Telecommunications Bureau’s Mobility Division, regarding the above-captioned proceeding.

The Rural Telecommunications Group, Inc. (“RTG”) previously has expressed its support for proposed rules (“Joint Proposed Rules”) submitted by Wilson Electronics, Inc. (“Wilson”), Cellco Partnership dba Verizon Wireless (“Verizon”), V-COMM, L.L.C. (“V-COMM”), Nextivity, Inc. (“Nextivity”) and T-Mobile USA, Inc. (“T-Mobile”).¹ Specifically, RTG and its members have determined that there are sufficient safeguards built into the proposed “safe harbor” provisions, as presented, that made explicit carrier consent unnecessary.

RTG wishes to reiterate its support for a licensing-by-rule approach by the FCC so that rural consumers and public safety personnel can utilize consumer signal boosters to improve wireless coverage. Allowing the deployment of signal boosters that have received FCC equipment authorization will promote competition and improve access for all Americans, especially those in rural markets. So long as the Commission adopts rules that protect against harmful interference, RTG’s members anticipate the voluntary authorization of signal boosters by their respective subscribers. While explicit carrier consent should not be required if consumer signal boosters comply with FCC rules, RTG requests the FCC to require cessation of the use of any signal booster that causes harmful interference or negatively impacts wireless network operations.

¹ *Amendment of Parts 1, 2, 22, 24, 27, 90 and 95 of the Commission’s Rules to Improve Wireless Coverage Through the Use of Signal Boosters*, Ex Parte of The Rural Telecommunications Group, Inc., WT Docket No. 10-4 (filed August 1, 2012) (“RTG Ex Parte”).



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Should you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully submitted,

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