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VIA ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION

TO: Federal Communications Commission
445 12th St., SW
Washington, DC 20554

RE: Docket No. 12-268, Expanding the Economic and Innovation Opportunities of Spectrum Through Incentive Auctions

To whom it may concern,

Lectrosonics, Inc., a US manufacturer of professional wireless microphone equipment, supports Sennheiser Electronic Corporation (SEC) in their effort to bring attention to the issue of reimbursement for those users of wireless microphone equipment who will be displaced from the 600 MHz band as a result of upcoming spectrum auctions as part of HR3630.

Like Sennheiser, Lectrosonics has a large and diverse customer base in the area of professional content creation, namely major motion picture production, broadcast news, sports, live events, theme parks, houses of worship, theater productions and touring music acts, among many others. When the Commission required microphone systems in the 700 MHz band to cease operation in 2010, Lectrosonics offered a discounted repair service to our customers so that the units could be re-tuned and returned to operation on different frequency bands. The cost for this service was shared entirely by Lectrosonics and our customers. In a significant portion of these service cases, the frequency bands chosen by our customers fell into the 600 MHz range, since at that time there was no hint that this lower band was at risk.

As pointed out by Sennheiser and others, many of these users will again be required to replace perfectly serviceable equipment (in many cases units that are only 3 years into a 10 year or greater service life).

Lectrosonics agrees with Sennheiser that the Commission has the authority and indeed the responsibility to require spectrum auction winning bidders to reimburse wireless microphone users as they become displaced from the 600 MHz band following the results of the upcoming incentive auctions.

Lectrosonics requests that the Commission publicly acknowledge this issue and request comment on the proposal put forth by Sennheiser in its November 4 comment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Karl Winkler".

Karl Winkler
Director of Business Development