

**Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20554**

In the Matter of:)
)
Expanding Access to Mobile) WT 13-301
Wireless Services Onboard Aircraft)

To the Commission:

COMMENTS

Pursuant to the Commission's notice, the undersigned comments as follows in these proceedings...

1. I favor the Commission providing for commercial aircraft and airline operators providing expanded telecommunications services under Part 87 of the Commission's rules with regard to SMS text-based services, in-flight email, and wireless internet access; however, I am opposed to the provision of voice-based services for the reasons which follow.

2. Some believe voice-based telecommunications services were employed by the hijackers on 9-11-2001. Whether or not this is so, because it avoids the possibility of being seen by others (such as might be the case with internet or SMS service), it is relatively easy to use and affords opportunities for coordination by those who might wish to harm the United States of America and its interests. Therefore, voice-based wireless services on aircraft should remain prohibited.

3. Quality of life aboard flights would be adversely impacted by voice-based services aboard passenger aircraft; accordingly, to maintain good order aboard aircraft and avoid involvement of the flight crew in potential disputes regarding voice-based services, voice-based wireless services should remain prohibited.

WHEREFORE, inasmuch as non-voice service aboard aircraft I support the Commission's proposal; however, it should exclude voice emissions.

Respectfully Submitted:

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