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

Re: WT 14-17; Cricket 700 MHz wireless license

Dear Federal Communications Commissioners,

Sections of bandwidth on the lower end of the spectrum that are particularly good for mobile broadband service should be used for that express purpose. Cricket Communications owns one such section, and I support opening it up to be used for wireless broadband communications. Considering the continuing expansion of mobile device usage and the congestion we already have on the wireless networks, we must address this major issue now.

My wife and my daughter both have smartphones. They get irritated at the slow download speeds they sometimes experience. I know that Cricket's spectrum portion is currently being used for a local television broadcast channel. However, tests show that only around 20 people who use digital television antennas would be inconvenienced by switching the slice of spectrum to broadband usage. This number is minimal compared to the number of wireless broadcast users in the area, and these users are likely to be able get rid of any static by doing something simple like stepping back from the TV a bit.

I am asking your office to weigh what's going on here. We have millions of mobile device users who would benefit from better coverage, regardless of provider, and on the other side, we have a small number of people using DTV antennas who may have one sole channel affected. I think the decision should be clear. The slow wireless broadband speeds will only get worse if the right decisions are not made now. Wireless communications are vital to many people and critical organizations in the area, and they are part of our future. Allowing Cricket to use its 10MHz section of 700MHz space is the common sense decision. As you look into this issue, I would also ask that your office address the growing annoyance of telemarketing calls as well.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kim R. Palmer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Kim" being the most prominent.

Kim Palmer