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

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

Members of the FCC:

As the Outreach Pastor of Rebaño Church for the last thirty years, the members of our congregation and I wish to add our voices to those supporting the worthwhile goals of Cricket in bringing more wireless broadband services to underserved people in Chicago.

Our congregation constantly faces a very real “digital divide” when it comes to how the business community and government treats members of the Humboldt Park, Belmont-Cragin, Lower East Side, East Garfield Park, Logan Square, Hermosa, Little Village, Pilsen, Back of the Yard and surrounding communities. Technological advances seem to be reserved for the more affluent members of our country when business plans are created or government services reformed.

It is increasingly necessary to have mobile access to get the same city services in Chicago and our community does not have as many options for low-cost mobile networks as others.

Notwithstanding the discrepancies and outright examples of inequality, I’m encouraged by the FCC’s efforts toward righting the wrong so many of our underserved communities face when it comes to access to quality broadband. Many of us do understand how every megahertz of spectrum can make a difference, and we’re grateful for the efforts of the Commission as well as the Obama Administration to level the playing field.

Cricket is to be lauded for its attempts to serve less-affluent, pre-paid customers. We understand



the company's merger with AT&T will bring some changes, but we hope and pray the new entity will honor its commitment to continue serving our constituencies. Certainly, it would be very helpful if the FCC can ensure that the spectrum in question is put to use as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Pastor Carmen Fonseca  
Outreach Pastor