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March 17, 2014

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

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

Dear Commissioners:

I write to request that the FCC give full and equitable consideration to allowing consumers to access mobile high-speed internet services on the 700 MHz A block spectrum in the greater Chicagoland area. Cricket currently holds 12 MHz of quality spectrum that would alleviate airwave congestion. In order to use this spectrum for mobile broadband services, Cricket has asked the FCC to consider waiving a regulation that currently prevents use of the spectrum due to interference with the antenna reception of broadcast channel 51.

In the communities that I represent, we have seen tremendous growth in mobile phone usage. The need for reliable, affordable service is as strong today as it has ever been and will only grow in the future. A recent study by Cisco pointed out that mobile broadband usage increased 81 percent last year alone.

Communities in my district will benefit from additional broadband spectrum for use by providers such as Cricket Wireless. With this in mind, I request that you strongly consider the merits of Cricket's request for additional access and do your utmost to balance fairly the new and growing need for mobile broadband services with other services available to the public.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Don Harmon".
Don Harmon