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Re: Amendment of the Commission's Rules with Regard to Commercial Operations in the 3550-3650 MHz Band, GN Docket No. 12-354

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Patrick Welsh, Chris Oatway, and Tamara Preiss of Verizon met separately on April 9 with Erin McGrath and Brendan Carr, Legal Advisors to Commissioners O'Rielly and Pai, respectively, on April 10 with Louis Peraertz, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Clyburn, and today with Renee Gregory, Legal Advisor to Chairman Wheeler. In each meeting we discussed the above-referenced proceeding and emphasized that the 3.5 GHz band holds substantial promise for wireless operators to meet the surging demand for broadband services.

We reiterated the merits of dedicating a portion of the band to a transitional licensing framework supporting prompt deployment by Priority Access users.¹ We explained that under that framework, licensed users could engage in coordination with federal incumbents to substantially shrink the zones (which currently include a large portion of the country) where private sector operations are not currently contemplated. We also explained that Verizon's hybrid band plan proposal would not fragment the band because the transitional framework would be phased out, and explained that Verizon would not oppose permitting manufacturers to build Tier 3 (General Authorized Access) devices with hardware covering the entire band.

¹ See Reply Comments of Verizon and Verizon Wireless, GN Docket No. 12-354 (filed Apr. 5, 2013), at 4-6; Supplemental Comments of Verizon and Verizon Wireless, GN Docket No. 12-354 (filed Dec. 5, 2013), at 8-11.

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Finally, we discussed the need for technical rules for Tier 2 Priority Access Licenses that support a variety of potential use cases.

This letter is being filed pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's Rules. Should you have any questions, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jonathan L. Stein". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

cc: (via e-mail)

Brendan Carr
Renee Gregory
Erin McGrath
Louis Peraertz