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Magalie Roman Salas
Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, DC 20554

Re: **In the Matter of Promoting Efficient Use of Spectrum
Through Elimination of Barriers to the Development
of Secondary Markets
WT Docket No. 00-230**
Ex parte Presentation of the Rural Cellular Association

Dear Ms. Salas:

On March 28, 2001, Sylvia Lesse, counsel to the Rural Cellular Association ("RCA"), met with Commissioner Furchtgott-Roth and his Legal Advisor, Mr. Bryan Tramont, to discuss the referenced matter. The participants discussed RCA's position regarding the public interest necessity for the Commission to promote the efficient utilization of spectrum already allocated to rural areas through a variety of methods, including the adoption of leasing arrangements which encourage and protect significant investment in the infrastructure required to provide service to sparsely-populated areas. In addition, RCA emphasized the importance of the Commission's giving careful consideration to RCA's fill-in proposal as a means to ensure that spectrum is utilized in rural areas where demand warrants.

The participants also discussed generally the effects on competition of regulatory burdens shouldered disproportionately by smaller and rural wireless carriers, and the aggravating effect of inefficiencies in certain Commission processes, including transfer and waiver applications.

Should there be any questions, please contact this office.

Respectfully submitted,


Sylvia Lesse

cc: Commissioner Harold Furchtgott-Roth
Bryan Tramont, Esq.

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