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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street S.W., TW-A325
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Ex Parte Notice

**Secondary Market for Spectrum Proceeding
WT Docket No. 00-230**

**Spectrum Policy Task Force Proceeding
ET Docket No. 02-135**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Tuesday, June 25, 2002, L. Marie Guillory and Jill Canfield of the National Telecommunications Cooperative Association; Jeffrey Smith of OPASTCO; Caressa Bennet on behalf of the Rural Telecommunications Group; Micheal Kurtis from the law firm Kurtis & Associates, P.C.; and John Prendergast from the law firm Blooston, Mordkofsky, Dickens, Duffy & Prendergast met with Commissioner Michael J. Copps and Paul Margie, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Copps. We discussed in general the impact of the Commission's wireless telecommunications policy on rural Americans. During the course of that discussion, the group described the fact that Commission adoption of an order in the Secondary Market for Spectrum proceeding (WT Docket No. 00-230) could provide rural telecommunications carriers with a valuable tool for obtaining access to spectrum, although this should not be the only tool. In many

instances, lack of control over the spectrum, and the pressure on licensees or band managers to seek a profit, may make spectrum leasing unworkable in certain rural situations.

The group also discussed the fact that the Spectrum Policy Task Force proceeding (ET Docket No. 02-135) affords an opportunity for the Commission's staff to learn more about the spectrum needs of rural America, consistent with Commissioner Copps' rural service initiative; and that, pursuant to the Commissioner's observation in his Separate Statement in that docket, rural spectrum needs must be a primary focus, not an afterthought.

In accordance with the FCC's rules, this letter is being filed with the Commission electronically. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,



John A. Prendergast

cc: Michael J. Copps, FCC
Paul Margie, FCC