

Dear Commissioners,

We are a small town / rural Wireless Internet Service Provider located in North Central Ohio. We are currently using the unlicensed 2.4 GHz band for delivery of our service. We were the first to provide broadband Internet access to our city and are currently starting to move our service out into the country side to serve rural locations such as farms, businesses, (both home based and traditional small business), and residential locations, some of whom are performing on-line home schooling.

One such on-line home schooler has been able to receive our service for their 4 children. Before our service was available to their location, all four children were having to share a phone line to receive the daily assignments and do their on-line work. With only one computer able to use the line at a time, the children's educational experience was continuously hampered by having to wait their turn to access the remote classroom. With our service now being delivered to their residents, the parents can now concentrate on the children's education and not on coordination of dial up sessions. There are other family's in similar circumstances that we are unable to service economically, due to the current frequency /power limits that exist with the unlicensed bands.

As we begin to deliver this service to rural locations, the current power limit is becoming an increasing factor in our ability to deliver reliable service to these areas. The idea of allowing higher power levels in rural areas is not only reasonable, but desperately needed in order to be able to provide economical and reliable service to these underserved areas of our community.

At present, our service receives 1 -3 requests a week for service in remote areas of our county and beyond, most all of these requests for service are sadly answered "sorry, our service is not available in your area".

Additional spectrum below 900 MHz would also go a long way in our ability to deliver service to the small villages and rural locations. With the lower frequency being able to penetrate foliage much better than the higher frequency, our ability to approach 100% coverage in our community could be realized.

It is my most sincere hope that the Commission take this comment and others like it into serious consideration and adopt the proposed changes to enable the Wireless Internet Service Provider to expand coverage and allow us to help realize the vision of universal access to all Americans, and once and for all, close the digital divide.