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Federal Communications Committee
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To the Committee:

Slingshot Wireless Communications has designed and deployed over 20 unlicensed Wireless Internet Service Provider (WISP) networks throughout the United States. We strongly believe that the typical WISP portrays true American Spirit displaying ingenuity and entrepreneurship. The rural communities served by these and other WISPs have a tremendous need for broadband wireless Internet service. Broadband Internet has reached the status of business necessity for most organizations and is also considered a norm for schools and the general population. Rural communities need broadband Internet to grow and prosper in a demanding and information-driven marketplace. The ability for these entrepreneurial WISPs and the communities they serve to prosper is in the hands of the FCC.

During the design and construction of wireless Networks, we have observed that the WISPs who follow the strict interpretation of FCC regulations are oftentimes unable to cost-effectively deploy their Networks and are forced to ignore the demands of critical market segments because of terrain and other obstructions to signal. As a result, many Wireless ISP's suffer limited revenue and profit growth, and the rural consumer is once again left in the digital divide. Modification of FCC regulations to meet the specific requirements of this unique market segment will have a tremendous impact on its overall success and long-term viability and concurrently foster rapid closure of the digital divide. We are in complete agreement with Part-15.org's comments (document 6513406363), to which we are a corporate member. Specifically, we agree that the FCC should do the following:

- 1) Re-evaluate the current and future use of the spectrum including consideration of unlicensed WISP's.
- 2) Review and revise current policies and procedures that were written without consideration to WISP's.
- 3) Differentiate outdoor WAN networks from indoor or outdoor LAN networks and develop rules to help the two coexist.
- 4) Increase power limitations in rural areas for unlicensed Wireless Broadband Internet access.

In closing, we definitely believe that FCC actions will be a major determining factor in the success or failure of this unique area of American culture and commerce and we strongly urge the FCC to take appropriate actions to ensure success.

Respectfully,

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