



June 27, 2003

Marlene Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, S.W., Room TW A-325
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Ex Parte Notice – WT Docket No. 02-55
Improving Public Safety Communications in the 800 MHz Band

To the Secretary:

This is to provide notice that today, June 27, 2003, representatives of the United Telecom Council (UTC), National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA), American Public Power Association (APPA), Southern Company, and Exelon met with Commissioner Abernathy and members of her staff concerning the above-referenced docket. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the merits of the 800 MHz Users Group Coalition Proposal filed with the FCC on May 29, 2003.

The 800 MHz User Coalition has developed a "Balanced Approach" proposal that consists of three sections: a statement of principles; a set of specific procedures for identifying and eliminating interference to incumbent users; and suggested specific changes to the technical rules for the 806-824/851-869 MHz frequency band to prevent future harmful interference to Public Safety and other licensees operating in the band. Among the strengths of the User Coalition proposal is that it is a solution that is limited entirely within the 800 MHz band which obviates the need for any 700 MHz, 900 MHz and 1.9 GHz spectrum swaps and associated legal issues; it solves the interference and creates new opportunities while impacting the fewest number of licensees. The companies participating in the meeting are among the supporters of the 800 MHz User Coalition proposal, and discussed their reasons for preferring a targeted and forward-looking outcome in this proceeding.

This Notice is being filed pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206. If there are any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jill M. Lyon", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jill M. Lyon
Vice President and General Counsel

Cc: Hon. Kathleen Q. Abernathy
Jennifer Manner, Esq.