



November 7, 2003

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

Re: Ex Parte, ET Docket 00-258

Dear Ms. Dortch,

The DECT forum is pleased to provide the attached document, containing its recommendations for revision of the rules for the Unlicensed Personal Communications Services (UPCS) frequency band.

The DECT Forum is an international industry association embracing suppliers and operators of DECT based terminals, systems, and networks. DECT stands for "Digital Enhanced Cordless Telecommunications" and denotes a radio technology suited for voice data and networking applications with range requirements up to a few hundred meters. The DECT Forum represents the interests of the DECT industry.

DECT was standardized in 1992 as an international specification for short-range cordless telephones, wireless PBXs, public access service and other wireless local loop offerings. DECT was a good solution to the emerging problems in controlling the poor quality of cordless telephony in the market. Other problems overcome by introducing a common standard were the inadequate security against eavesdropping and the coordination for the use of diverse frequency bands. The DECT technology is now accepted in more than 110 countries around the world.

The vision of the DECT Forum for the use of the UPCS frequency band is for Americans to experience technological communication applications that are currently available in Europe and other parts of the world. Products such as residential and small business cordless phones that do not interfere with current WiFi products and offer outstanding voice quality is just one of the many new applications that can be made available. With

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over 120 million products having been produced using this standard, price points for these products will be in reach of every consumer wanting better clarity and more useful features in their cordless communication needs.

The purpose of these recommendations is to enhance the utility of this band, so as to allow the introduction of these new and other innovative products.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Esherick".

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