

May 28, 2004

Honorable Michael K. Powell  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

RE: WT Docket No. 03-66

Okaloosa-Walton Community College has benefited from Instructional Television Fixed Service ("ITFS") channels in the 2.5 GHz band for many years. The advent of new technologies and the prospect of band plan and rule changes as requested by the ITFS community promise new digital educational services that will greatly enhance our service to students and the community. However, the proposal from the Wireless Bureau that is being circulated for rushed FCC consideration would eliminate the eligibility restrictions on ITFS spectrum, and would reduce the amount of spectrum held by each ITFS licensee in order to accommodate new commercial users, will harm efforts to use the spectrum fully in the years ahead.

ITFS is the only spectrum specifically allocated to support formal education. This vital educational asset must be protected, as the FCC promised to do just three years ago. As the FCC updates the technical rules for ITFS to support a range of new broadband services, **the college community urges you to reject proposals to reduce in any respect the total amount of spectrum allocated to ITFS.**

I hope that you will support our efforts to keep this valuable educational resource. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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