

I am strongly in favor of allowing unused television spectrum for unlicensed fixed wireless use. I am an individual looking at starting a fixed WISP in rural northeast Georgia in order to bring high-speed internet access to an area that has no DSL or cable. This beautiful area is filled with hills and trees, and has more chickens and cattle than people. With the current 900 MHz equipment available now, I am unable to provide service many who want high-speed access due to the terrain.

The protection of licensed operation proposed in the NPRM seems reasonable to me. I am perfectly willing to use GPS at any installation to verify conformance with the rules. I am concerned, however, that the proposed PLMRS/CMRS radius rules can be somewhat arbitrary and manipulated by incumbent operators to shut out unlicensed operation even when it would cause no real interference. If there is no interference, I think the Rules should allow unlicensed operation.

From the standpoint of this community, the proposed rules would be well worthwhile - the propagation characteristics of spectrum below 700 MHz can make wireless broadband available to many more people, even within the 36 dBm EIRP limits.