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In the Matter of )  
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Amendment of Part 2 of the Commission's )  
Rules to Allocate Additional Spectrum to the )  
Inter-Satellite, Fixed, and Mobile Services )  
and to Permit Unlicensed Devices to Use )  
Certain Segments in the 50.2-50.4 GHz and )  
51.4-71.0 GHz Bands )

To: The Commission

**REPLY COMMENTS OF THE  
FIXED WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS COALITION**

The Fixed Wireless Communications Coalition ("FWCC")<sup>1</sup> hereby submits Reply Comments in the above-captioned Notice of Proposed Rulemaking ("Notice") in this proceeding.

In its Comments the FWCC urged the Commission to maintain the 55.78-57.00 GHz band as a licensed band for the fixed and mobile services. The backbone infrastructure for the mobile services require a high degree of stability and availability which would not be the case if the band was allocated for unlicensed usage.

Similarly, the operations of the new Competitive Local Exchange Carriers (CLECS) cannot be conducted in an unlicensed spectrum environment. The CLECs will use these frequencies to by-pass the infrastructure of incumbent operators in the local loop. A higher degree of stability is required than would be possible in an unlicensed environment. The FWCC has no objection to making the 64-66 GHz band

<sup>1</sup>A list of members is included in Attachment A.

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available for unlicensed service under Part 15 of the Commission's Rules.

The Comments of Nokia Telecommunications Inc. (NOKIA) and Hewlett-Packard (HP) are noted. However, the FWCC is very concerned that the provision of reliable communications, particularly for the public, would be realistic in an unlicensed spectrum. Spectrum management will be required to guarantee the provision of reliable communications. The Commission should bear this in mind as it considers the future of the 55.78-57.00 GHz band.

In conclusion, the FWCC reiterates its strong objection to the designation of the 55.78-59.0 GHz band as an unlicensed band.

Respectfully submitted,

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The Fixed Wireless Communications Coalition was formed by terrestrial fixed microwave users and suppliers to assure that adequate spectrum resources are available for current and future terrestrial fixed microwave communications. Such action is necessary because spectrum allocation and re-allocation actions currently under consideration at the FCC require fixed microwave interests to speak with a common voice. Additionally, the Coalition was formed to ensure a favorable regulatory climate both at the FCC and the ITU to permit the manufacture, operation, and use of terrestrial fixed microwave systems.

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