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The Honorable John D. Dingell
Chairman, Committee on Energy and Commerce
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

This is in further response to your letter regarding implementation of the Commercial Spectrum Enhancement Act (CSEA), Title II of Public Law 108-494. I am glad to provide you with an update on the status of ongoing efforts to relocate federal operations from the 1710-1755 MHz band to provide spectrum for Advanced Wireless Services (AWS).

Since the last status report in October 2007, federal agencies again confirmed that they expect to meet the relocation time lines reflected in the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) February 16, 2006, report to Congress. On November 16, 2007, the Department of Commerce's National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) deleted 122 assignments, reducing the total number of assignments that remain to be transferred from 1,990 to 1,868. NTIA is also continuing to provide new frequencies to agencies so that they can make this transition.

OMB and NTIA continue to work with affected agencies to ensure that their relocation commitments are met in the most effective and efficient manner. We will notify Congress as appropriate if there are any changes to agencies' relocation plans. On November 16, 2007, OMB, in consultation with NTIA, notified Congress of additional resource needs for the Department of Homeland Security's Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). In accordance with this notification and the CSEA, an additional \$35.57 million is being made available to ICE. If similar needs arise in the future, OMB and NTIA will continue to inform Congress.

NTIA continues to convene monthly meetings with affected agencies to discuss relocation activities and transition plans. NTIA maintains current agency relocation information on its public web page, <www.ntia.doc.gov>, so that AWS licensees will have the data necessary for their build-out efforts.

OMB and NTIA representatives are available to brief Committee staff at the earliest convenient opportunity. If you have further questions, please contact me or Nat Wienecke, Assistant Secretary for Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs, at (202) 482-3663.

Sincerely,


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