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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
45 L Street, NE Washington, DC 20554

Re: Modernizing and Expanding Access to the 70/80/90 GHz Bands, WT Docket No 20-133;
Amendment of Part 101 to Facilitate Microwave for Wireless Backhaul et al, WT Docket No. 10-
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Dear Ms. Dortch:

On June 21, 2021, representatives from Aviat, Comsearch, Ericsson and Nokia (“5G Wireless Backhaul Advocates” or “Advocates”) met in separate meetings with William Davenport, Chief of Staff to Commissioner Geoffrey Starks, and Erin Boone, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Nathan Simington. I write today on behalf of the National Spectrum Management Association (NSMA)¹ to file comments in support of the Advocates’ presentation and the Federal Communications Commission’s proposal to relax fixed wireless antenna standards in the 70/80/90 GHz bands. The Advocates correctly highlighted the industry consensus in support of the more flexible antenna standards. The proposed rule changes to allow smaller antennas would result in an increased density of deployment, better spectrum reuse, and better support for the growing 5G backhaul requirements. Additionally, the action would harmonize the United States to standards already in place globally. The NSMA echoes the 5G Wireless Backhaul Advocates’ request for the Commission to expedite action to relax the 70/80/90 GHz antenna standards as it would serve the public interest.

Sincerely,

/s/

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¹The NSMA, established in 1984, is a voluntary association of individuals involved in the spectrum management profession including service providers, manufacturers, frequency coordinators, engineers and consultants. NSMA’s goal is to promote rational spectrum policy through consensus views formulated by representatives of diverse segments of the wireless industry. NSMA provides a linkage between government regulations and industry practice by developing recommendations (<https://nsma.org/recommendations/>) that streamline and standardize procedures used by the frequency coordination community.