
February 13, 2018

VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: ET Docket No. 08-59
ET Docket No. 14-165
WT Docket No. 16-290
WC Docket No. 17-310**

***Ex Parte* Presentation**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

The Enterprise Wireless Alliance (“EWA”) reviewed with interest the recent *ex parte* communication of the American Hospital Association (“AHA”) and American Society for Healthcare Engineering of the American Hospital Association (“ASHE”) in three of the four rulemaking proceedings referenced above. Among other matters, AHA and ASHE are urging the FCC to provide additional spectrum for continued growth and service enhancements of Wireless Medical Telemetry Services (“WMTS”). They note that some locations are already experiencing congestion in the 1.4 GHz WMTS band and seek to expand into the adjacent Terrestrial spectrum where, they explain, WMTS manufacturers are prepared to put the spectrum to use for WMTS immediately.

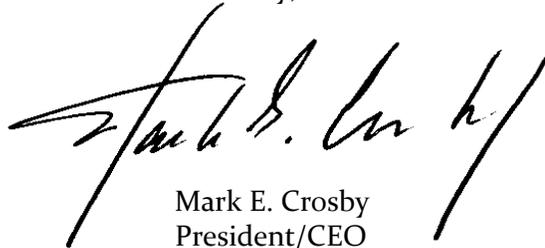
EWA applauds AHA and ASHE for making such intensive use of the 1.4 GHz allocation. It is curious, however, whether any progress is being made by medical device vendors in developing equipment for the Medical Body Area Network Service (“MBANS”). Almost a full decade ago, GE Healthcare (“GEHC”) proposed and the FCC ultimately approved in ET Docket No. 08-59 shared use of the 2360-2400 MHz band for MBAN applications. In response to an FCC request for MBAN coordinators, EWA was selected for that responsibility and entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) with the FCC on November 6, 2015. It has now been twenty-eight (28) months since the MOU was executed and ten (10) years since the allocation was requested but, to the best of EWA’s knowledge, neither GEHC nor any other vendor has sought FCC certification for MBAN equipment.

It may be that other health care priorities have proved more urgent and/or other applications more effective. That is a decision for experts in that area. EWA does suggest that the FCC contact the MBAN proponents to determine if this still is a service they intend to develop and, if so, in what timeframe. If they do not have plans to deploy MBAN facilities, the FCC may wish to consider whether other services with more immediate needs might be technically capable of sharing this band

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Kindly refer any questions or correspondence regarding this matter to the undersigned.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark E. Crosby". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "M".

Mark E. Crosby
President/CEO