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Dear Jon

I am writing in response to you consultation on the future use of the 700Mhz band.

Autograph are a sales and rental organisation that service the theatre, venue, schools and House of Worship industries.

I am a founder member of the British Entertainment Industry Radio Group as well as a Director of Autograph, and therefore fully involved with the dialogue between Ofcom and BEIRG and recognise the positive engagement we enjoy.

We own in excess of 1500 radio microphones, In-ear monitors and wireless communications systems that are in constant use (7 days a week) across nearly 30 productions throughout the UK and Europe. We have suffered through the many years of uncertainty and frustration leading up to DSO and the 800Mhz clearance.

For obvious reasons, Autograph fully support the BEIRG response (attached here as well), but would like the following points noted and registered as an official response.

- The mobile companies do not use their existing spectrum efficiently and

should be forced to do so before any further spectrum is made available to them.

- If the 700Mhz band IS to be cleared, No decision or definite action should be taken until suitable quality and quantity of alternative spectrum is IDENTIFIED AND MADE AVAILABLE to the PMSE sector.
- Once point 2 has been adequately fulfilled, an appropriate funding scheme should be put in place – along the lines of the 800mhz finding scheme, to ensure the industry is not further disadvantaged financially by Ofcom's actions.
- The industry suffers each and every time the spectrum allocation/usage scenario is changed as a consequence of Ofcom's actions.
- The industry is small financially but responsible for massive financial revenue to the UK and is a disparate group of people who do not have the profile, funds or lobby power that the MNO's have.
- As a result, Ofcom should make policy decisions for PMSE and then act on the consequences of that rather than PMSE always being a consequence of some other policy.
- The industry is affected the moment the concept appears on the agenda, and not at the point that decisions are taken, so the uncertainty generated by these consultations has a 5 to 10 year impact on the market from manufacturers/dealers to rental companies/producers/end-users etc

I am sure we will continue with our discussions post the closing date once all responses have been received.

Yours sincerely



Duncan Bell

Enc BEIRG response to Condoc re the future use of 700MHz band