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OFFICE OF ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE OFFICE OF STRATEGIC PLANNING AND POLICY ANALYSIS RELEASE JOINT STAFF PAPER REGARDING UNLICENSED DEVICES AND ASSOCIATED REGULATORY ISSUES

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Comments Due: August 21, 2003

The Office of Engineering and Technology and the Office of Strategic Planning and Policy Analysis released a staff Working Paper regarding unlicensed devices. The Working Paper evaluates the history of unlicensed wireless devices, their governing regulation, the current technological state of the art, an overview of the market, and an analysis of potential regulatory issues. This paper is intended to stimulate discussion and critical comment within the FCC, as well as outside of the agency. The analyses and views in the Working Paper are those of the authors and do not necessarily reflect the view of other members of the Office of Engineering and Technology, Office of Strategic Planning and Policy Analysis, other Commission Staff, or any Commissioner. This document is available on the FCC's World Wide Web site at www.fcc.gov/osp/workingp.html.

We welcome comment on both the observations made in the paper and the conclusions drawn by the authors. We request that interested parties submit written comments in **ET Docket No. 03-126.** Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) as an electronic file via the Internet at http://www.fcc.gov/e-file/ecfs.html. In completing the transmittal screen, commenters should include their full name, Postal Service mailing address, and ET Docket No. 03-126. Parties may also submit an electronic comment by Internet e-mail. To obtain filing instructions for e-mail comments, commenters should send an e-mail to ecfs@fcc.gov, and should include the following words in the body of the message: "get form <your e-mail address>." A sample form and directions will be sent in reply. Additional information on ECFS is available at http://www.fcc.gov/e-file/ecfs.html.

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