As both a businessman and community leader in Denver I am always looking for ways to improve my company and the city.

I believe innovation is key to moving the economy forward, and the new spectrum offered by LightSquared can help do that. Open networks will open up new opportunities for any number of businesses, along with those who design various Web applications, devices and services – some of which are already on the drawing board and some that we cannot now foresee. Innovation will build upon innovation. That is now being stifled given that we do not have truly open networks, and barriers to entry that are too high.

I believe that Web-based businesses will not be the only ones to benefit. Traditional “brick and mortar” stores should find new ways to harness faster and cheaper Internet service, whether it comes in the form of Internet advertising or bundling Internet service with sales of certain products such as cell phones.

While I look forward to the benefits in my city, I believe that other cities will benefit too as they connect with Denver along new civic and business avenues that invention and better communication will bring.

The ability to harness this new technology comes at a very important time in our difficult economy, and I look forward to the Commission approving the LightSquared application.