

BEFORE THE
Federal Communications Commission
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20554

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In the Matter of)	
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Amendment of Part 90 of the)	PR Docket No. 93-144
Commission's Rules to Facilitate)	RM-8117, RM-8030
Future Development of SMR Systems)	RM-8029
)	
Implementation of Sections 3(n))	
and 322 of the Communications Act)	GN Docket No. 93-252
Regulatory Treatment of Mobile)	
Services)	
)	
Implementation of Section 309(j))	
of the Communications Act -)	PP Docket No. 93-253
Competitive Bidding)	
800 MHz SMR)	

To: The Commission:

REPLY TO OPPOSITION OF NEXTEL COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

The Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials-International, Inc. ("APCO") hereby submits the following Reply to the Opposition of Nextel Communications, Inc. to Petitions for Reconsideration filed by APCO and other parties in the above-captioned proceeding.

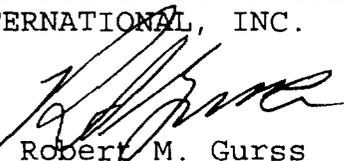
On February 15, 1996, APCO filed a Petition for Reconsideration of First Report and Order and Comments in Response to Second Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking. Among other matters, APCO challenged the Commission decision to block further public safety applications in the 800

General Category channels. The Commission's action is a particular hardship for existing General Category public safety systems that will need additional channels to alleviate congestion as their operations expand. See APCO Petition at 3-5 (Feb. 15, 1996).

Nextel's Opposition fails to address any of these public safety concerns. Rather, Nextel focuses attention on the fact that certain non-public safety, non-SMR, users of the General Category are using their channels to provide commercial services similar to SMRs. While that may be true, it says nothing about incumbent public safety licenses in the General Category, all of whom use their facilities for their own operations that protect the safety of life and property.

Respectfully submitted,

ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC-SAFETY
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I, Jane Nauman, hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing "Reply to Opposition of Nextel Communications, Inc." was served this 26th day of April, 1996, by first-class mail, postage prepaid, to the following individual at the address listed below:

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