

BEFORE THE
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
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In the Matter of)
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NEXTEL COMMUNICATIONS, INC.)
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CC Docket Nos. 97-21/96-45

To: The Commission

**REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT OF
NEXTEL COMMUNICATIONS, INC.'S AFFILIATES'
UNIVERSAL SERVICE WORKSHEET, FCC FORM 457**

Nextel Communications, Inc. ("Nextel"), by its attorneys and pursuant to Section 0.459 of the Federal Communications Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 0.459, hereby requests confidential treatment of its affiliates' worksheets (the Universal Service Worksheet, FCC Form 457) submitted to the USAC by the Commission's September 1, 1997 deadline.

The Commission has stated that, in the context of submitting Universal Service Worksheets, it will entertain requests for confidential treatment of the information submitted. *See Report and Order and Second Order on Reconsideration*, FCC 97-253, CC Docket No. 97-21, 96-45 ¶ 79 (Rel. July 18, 1997). Pursuant to the Commission's rules, information is exempt from public disclosure if it is confidential commercial or financial information. 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(4); 47 C.F.R. § 0.457(d).

The information submitted within Nextel's affiliates' worksheets meets the standards for confidential treatment under § 0.457. It is commercial and financial in nature because it details

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revenue sources, both telecommunications and other sources for Nextel's businesses. This information is confidential and proprietary and is not disclosed to the public in the general conduct of business or in regulatory filings made by Nextel.

Moreover, if this information were disclosed, it would likely cause substantial competitive harm to Nextel. Competitors may use this information, along with other publicly released information, to estimate Nextel's operating expenses including employee salaries that may compromise Nextel's competitive position. Nextel customarily guards against the release of the very information required on the Universal Service Worksheet and respectfully asks the Commission and its agents to keep it confidential.

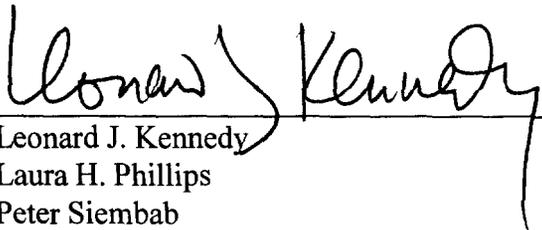
In the event a request for disclosure of any information contained in the worksheet of any Nextel affiliate is received by the Commission or its agents, Nextel also requests that it be notified and provided an opportunity to respond to such request prior to release of any information contained on any affiliate worksheet.

For the foregoing reasons, Nextel respectfully requests that the Commission afford confidential treatment to its affiliates' Universal Service Worksheets, FCC Forms 457, and that it

provide Nextel with notice and an opportunity to respond to any request for disclosure of any information contained in these worksheets.

Respectfully submitted,

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