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Magalie Roman Salas, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, N.W., Room 222
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Notice of Ex Parte Communication;
Broadband PCS C and F Block Installment
Payment Restructuring; WT Docket No. 97-82

Dear Ms. Salas:

NextWave Telecom Inc.

Yesterday, on behalf of NextWave Telecom Inc. ("NextWave" or "Company"), Ms. Janice Obuchowski discussed issues in the above-referenced proceeding with Mr. Rick Chessen of Commissioner Tristani's office. The views Ms. Obuchowski expressed reflect positions and ideas the Company has previously presented to the Commission in written filings, all of which are part of the public record in the proceeding.

In particular, Ms. Obuchowski respectfully requested that the Commission provide C-block licensees a viable means of paying suspension interest. The Company believes that requiring licensees to pay suspension interest is a harsh penalty because they have had no ability to use their licenses due to the uncertainty created by the proceeding. The financial community views suspension interest as a penalty, and investors want to see new capital used to build out networks, not pay penalties. NextWave believes that devising a commercially reasonable means of addressing the suspension interest issue is a key to ensuring that C-block companies have a reasonable opportunity to access capital markets.

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In accordance with Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, an original and two copies of this filing are being submitted to you today. Please direct any questions concerning this matter to me at 202-347-2771.

Sincerely,

Michael R. Wack
Vice President & Senior Counsel

cc: Rick Chessen