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Magalie R. Salas, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th St., S.W.
Room TW-B204
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Ex Parte Presentation

Comment Invited on CTIA Petition to Suspend CALEA
Compliance Date, DA 00-2022, CC Docket No. 97-213 /

Commission Seeks Comments to Update the Record in the CALEA
Technical Capabilities Proceeding, DA 00-2342, CC Docket No.
97-213

Dear Ms. Salas:

Nextel Communications, Inc. ("Nextel"), pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Federal Communications Commission's Rules, hereby gives notice of a meeting on April 13, 2001 between Nextel and the Commission's staff to discuss the above-referenced proceedings. The Nextel representatives were: Joel M. Margolis, Senior Corporate Counsel - Regulatory; and Robert Montgomery, Senior Manager, Regulatory and Technology. The Commission representatives were: David O. Ward, Senior Legal Advisor, Network Services Division, Common Carrier Bureau; Susan L. Kimmel, Attorney, Policy Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau; and Darren Pullman, Intern, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau.

The substance of Nextel's presentation concerns "assistance capabilities" that Nextel must provide to bring its interconnect and digital dispatch networks into compliance with the Communications Assistance for Law Enforcement Act ("CALEA"): namely the "core capabilities"; the "punchlist items"; and digital dispatch capabilities.

With respect to the core capabilities, Nextel informed the Commission that Nextel has executed a cooperative agreement with the FBI, completed software testing with the FBI, secured a compliance statement from the FBI, and deployed fully the core

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capabilities in its interconnect network. Nextel also presented a copy of a letter of appreciation issued by the FBI to Nextel in recognition of Nextel's CALEA compliance efforts. A copy of the FBI's letter is attached. In light of the fact that the core capabilities are fully deployed, Nextel inquired whether it was still necessary for it to petition the Commission for re-classification as a Category A carrier (i.e., a carrier with an FBI-supported flexible deployment plan).

With respect to the punchlist items, Nextel informed the Commission that Nextel shall provide the punchlist capabilities under the terms of the above-referenced cooperative agreement. Because it appears that the FBI may not be able to issue support letters until after the current September 30, 2001, deadline, Nextel explored the possibility of an arrangement with the Commission and the FBI whereby the Commission would grant individual extensions to any carrier that has entered into a cooperative agreement with the FBI as of August 31, 2001. Nextel plans to explore this issue further with the FBI and, if possible, file a separate letter proposal on the record before the Commission.

With respect to CALEA capabilities for Nextel's digital dispatch network, Nextel informed the Commission that it has executed a cooperative agreement with the FBI, completed software testing with the FBI, received a compliance statement from the FBI, and received a letter from the FBI in support of its flexible deployment plan. Nextel discussed possible terms under which the Commission might grant Nextel an extension, if necessary, based on the FBI's letter of support.

Finally, Nextel requested the Commission to deem Nextel's CALEA digital dispatch solution as a compliant packet mode solution, as it addresses the pending packet mode proceeding.

Two originals and four copies of this letter have been filed with the Secretary pursuant to Section 1.1206. Please contact the undersigned should any questions arise in connection with this notice.

Respectfully Submitted



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cc: Susan Kimmel (via U.S. mail)
David O. Ward (via U.S. mail)
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March 9, 2001

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Dear Mr. Margolis:

On behalf of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Communications Assistance for Law Enforcement Act (CALEA) Implementation Section (CIS), I would like to thank Nextel Communications for its continued cooperation in assisting the law enforcement community. The most recent, specific example of Nextel's cooperation is the assistance it provided in making available a technical electronic surveillance solution for any carrier using the iDEN switching platform. Nextel's diligent efforts regarding digital dispatch have brought us to the threshold of an agreement that will overcome a major investigative impediment.

Once again, thank you for your assistance and I look forward to working with you and your company in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael P. Clifford, Jr.", is written over a horizontal line.

Michael P. Clifford, Jr.
Section Chief