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Tamara Preiss  
Chief, Pricing Policy Division  
Wireline Competition Bureau  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: *Ex Parte Presentation*, WC Dockets No. 02-202 (Verizon Petition for Emergency Declaratory and Other Relief), 02-304 (Investigation of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., Tariff FCC No. 1, Transmittal No. 657), 02-317 (Investigation of Verizon Telephone Companies Tariff FCC Nos. 1, 11, 14 and 16, Transmittal No. 226), 02-319 (Investigation of Ameritech Operating Companies Tariff FCC No. 2, Transmittal No. 1312; Nevada Bell Telephone Companies Tariff FCC No. 1, Transmittal No. 20; Pacific Bell Telephone Company FCC Tariff No. 1, Transmittal No. 77; Southern New England Telephone Companies Tariff FCC No. 39, Transmittal No. 772; Southwestern Bell Telephone Company FCC Tariff No. 73, Transmittal No. 2906), 02-340 (Investigation of National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc. Tariff FCC No. 5, Transmittal No. 951)

Dear Ms. Preiss:

On Friday, December 6, 2002, Robert H. McNamara, Senior Counsel – Regulatory, Nextel Communications, Inc. (“Nextel”) and the undersigned met with you, Judith A. Nitsche, Douglas L. Slotten, Andrew Multz, Kathleen O’Neill, and Julie Saulnier of the Pricing Policy Division of the Wireline Competition Bureau regarding the above-captioned proceedings. During that meeting, FCC staff requested certain additional information from Nextel, which is provided below:

1. Nextel has never paid any security deposits to incumbent or competitive local exchange carriers (“LECs”) with respect to special access service.
2. Nextel disputes a significant portion of the charges on each monthly special access bill. On average, in each of the past three years, Nextel has disputed charges on monthly bills representing 8-10% of the total amount billed monthly. Because it may take some months to resolve a dispute, at any point in time, Nextel has a substantial amount in dispute. For example, at present, Nextel has approximately \$4.9 million in

open disputes with LECs. In 2001, Nextel had, at any given time, an average of \$5.1 million in disputed charges, and in 2000, Nextel averaged \$3.3 million. To put this in perspective, on average, Nextel's total monthly special access bills for the past three years have been approximately \$11-12 million. Moreover, Nextel has a high rate of success with respect to disputed payments. Nextel and the LECs eventually agree to terms pursuant to which Nextel need not pay approximately 70-75% of the amounts in dispute.

Pursuant to section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules, this letter is being filed electronically with the Office of the Secretary for inclusion in the public record of the above-referenced proceedings. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

/s/ Ruth Milkman

Ruth Milkman

cc: Marlene H. Dortch            Judith A. Nitsche            Douglas L. Slotten  
Andrew Mulitz                    Kathleen O'Neill            Julie Saulnier