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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
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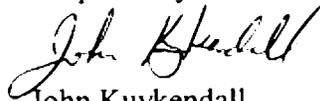
Re: Pine Belt PCS, Inc. and Pine Belt Cellular, Inc.
Petition for Waiver of Sections 20.12(c) and 52.31(a)(2) of the
Commission's Rules
CC Docket Nos. 99-200 & 95-116; WT Docket No. 01-184
Ex Parte Presentation - Bi-Monthly Status Report Pursuant to Petition for
Waiver

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On November 22, 2002, Pine Belt PCS, Inc. and Pine Belt Cellular, Inc. (collectively "Pine Belt Wireless") submitted a Petition for Waiver seeking temporary extension of the requirement for Commercial Mobile Radio Service providers to support roaming with customers with pooled or ported numbers, as set forth in Section 20.12(c) and 52.31(a)(2) of the Commission's Rules.¹

In its Petition, Pine Belt Wireless committed to providing the Commission with bi-monthly status reports during the temporary extension period. Transmitted herewith on behalf of Pine Belt Wireless is its seventh bi-monthly status report. Please contact the undersigned with any questions regarding this matter.

Respectfully submitted,



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Its Attorney

Attachment

cc: William Kunze, Chief, Spectrum and Competition Policy Division, WTB
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Qualex International

¹ On September 23, 2003, the Petition was amended to seek extension until May 23, 2004 ("Amended Petition"). On October 3, 2003, the Commission granted the Amended Petition. *See In the Matter of Telephone Number Portability – Carrier Requests for Clarification of Wireless-Wireline Porting Issues: Memorandum Opinion and Order*, CC Docket No. 95-116, FCC 03-237 at para. 37 (rel. Oct. 7, 2003).

**PINE BELT PCS, INC. AND PINE BELT CELLULAR, INC.
BI-MONTHLY STATUS REPORT PURSUANT TO REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF
REQUIREMENT FOR CMRS PROVIDERS TO SUPPORT ROAMING FOR
CUSTOMERS WITH POOLED OR PORTED NUMBERS
SEVENTH BI-MONTHLY STATUS REPORT**

January 23, 2004

On November 22, 2002, Pine Belt PCS, Inc. and Pine Belt Cellular, Inc. (collectively "Pine Belt Wireless") filed a Petition for Waiver seeking temporary extension of the requirement for Commercial Mobile Radio Service ("CMRS") providers to support roaming with customers with pooled numbers or ported numbers ("Petition"). On September 23, 2003, the Petition was amended to seek extension until May 23, 2004 ("Amended Petition"). On October 3, 2003, the Commission granted the Amended Petition.¹

In April 2003, Pine Belt Wireless reported that the company had received approval for a Rural Utilities Service ("RUS") loan to provide funding for necessary software upgrades, including upgrades necessary to support roaming for customers with pooled or ported numbers and that the approval was contingent on several factors. In its most recent bi-monthly status report, Pine Belt Wireless reported that the company had submitted all necessary documents to RUS and obtained approval from RUS for the negotiation of a contract for the switch upgrade with Lucent.² The company reported that the next step was to send the final contract to RUS for its approval.³

Pine Belt Wireless reports that it is ready to send the contract to RUS once it obtains a contract bond from one of the company's vendors. The company anticipates this to occur within the next week. Lucent has indicated that after the contract is approved, it will be able to make the necessary upgrades within ninety days. Accordingly, as of this date, Pine Belt Wireless anticipates having the switch upgrades completed by May 23, 2004.

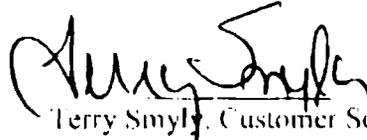
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² See Pine Belt PCS, Inc. and Pine Belt Cellular, Inc., Ex Parte Presentation – Bi-Monthly Status Report Pursuant to Petition for Waiver, CC Docket Nos. 99-200 & 95-116; WT Docket No. 01-184, filed November 25, 2003.

³ *Id.* The company anticipated that the contract could be sent "within the next few weeks." *Id.* Scheduling conflicts associated with the holiday season, however, prevented that from occurring.

In its second report, Pine Belt Wireless notified the Commission that a procedure is in place whereby the company is notified within 24 hours after a PSAP has experienced difficulty with handling a call that is associated with Pine Belt Wireless' network.⁴ This includes notification of problems associated with calling back a roamer after a call has been dropped. Pine Belt Wireless continues to report that since November 22, 2002, the company has not received any notifications from the four PSAPs of problems relating to calling back roamers.

Respectfully submitted,



Terry Smyly, Customer Service Manager
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⁴ See Pine Belt PCS, Inc. and Pine Belt Cellular, Inc., Ex Parte Presentation - Bi-Monthly Status Report Pursuant to Petition for Waiver, CC Docket Nos. 99-200 & 95-116; WT Docket No. 01-184 filed March 24, 2003.