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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW, Room TW-A325
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Ms. Dortch:

I am writing today in reference to and support of the transfer of licenses from AT&T Wireless Services, Inc. ("AWS") to Cingular Wireless Corporation ("Cingular") (WT Docket No. 04-70). Cingular's ability to more broadly and deeply deploy advanced third generation ("3G") wireless services for the U.S. consumer and enterprise communications marketplace is contingent on the expeditious closure of the AWS acquisition. The rapid and robust deployment of these services will, I believe, enhance the leadership position of the United States in global communications and the use of next generation wireless services and, in general, be advantageous to consumers and business users alike.

I believe that the combined Cingular/AWS entity will be able to deliver the benefits of 3G faster and more broadly than either company could on a stand-alone basis. In particular, I think that the proposed merger will allow for the acquisition of the spectrum necessary to deploy advanced 3G services on a national scale faster, more broadly and without customer disruption. This should benefit the US economy as a whole.

The speed with which a decision in connection with this matter is made is also important. Keeping two major wireless players in "limbo" for an extended period of time could, in this fast moving business environment, have an adverse effect, notably with respect to the deployment of 3G networks. It would consequently, therefore, also delay the potential benefits of those networks to consumers and businesses.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,