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

RE: Transfer of licenses from AT&T Wireless to Cingular Wireless
WT Docket No. 04-70

EX PARTE

Dear Ms. Dortch.

On May 19, 2004, on behalf of Cingular Wireless ("Cingular"), Stan Sigman, Cingular's President & CEO, and Brian F. Fontes, its Vice President-Federal Relations, met with Chairman Michael Powell, Sheryl Wilkerson, Wireless Advisor to Chairman Powell, John Muleta, Chief, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, and Eric Gunnin, Legal Intern, in Chairman Powell's Office, to discuss issues related to the referenced proceeding. In particular, the following was discussed:

- ***Public interest reasons for the merger: pro-consumer nationwide benefits.***
The merger will enable Cingular to deliver to consumers the following important benefits on a national scale
 - Substantially improve the quality of existing voice and basic data services nationwide;
 - Acquire the spectrum necessary to deploy advanced, third generation ("3G") services on a national scale more quickly and without customer disruption;
 - Create more value for consumers across the nation (particularly rural customers) by substantially expanding the coverage of the companies,
 - Achieve economies of scope and scale on a nationwide basis; and
 - Improve homeland security by strengthening the resiliency and survivability of Cingular's nationwide network.

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The merger will also strengthen rather than lessen competition by creating a much stronger combined company while leaving five facilities-based competitors to compete robustly in the nationwide market

- ***Need for prompt review.*** There are several reasons why a quick decision is needed, however two key reasons are:
 - First, customers of both Cingular and AWS nationwide will receive the benefits of the merger just discussed only when the merger is approved;
 - Second, the Commission should avoid keeping two major wireless players in “lame duck” status for an extended period of time. The sooner Cingular can begin to combine the best of both companies, the better consumers will be served.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission’s Rules, this notification is being submitted to your office. Please associate this notification and accompanying material with the referenced docket.

If you have any questions concerning this submission, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,



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Vice President-Federal Relations
Cingular Wireless

cc: Chairman Michael Powell
Sheryl Wilkerson
John Muleta
Eric Gunning