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Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
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Washington, DC 20554

Re: Ex Parte Filing: WT Docket No. 04-70

Dear Ms. Dortch

Recently, I visited with various individuals at the Federal Communications Commission to discuss the virtues of a Cingular/AT&T Wireless combination. On September 14, 2004, I met with Barry Ohlson of Commissioner Jonathan Adelstein's staff and Paul Margie of Commissioner Michael Copps' staff. I then met with Scott Delacourt, William Kunze, Walter Strack, and John Branscome of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, James Bird and Joel Rabinowitz of the Office of General Counsel, and Martin Perry of the Office of Strategic Planning and Policy Analysis. On September 15, 2004, I met with John Muleta, Chief of the Wireless Bureau, and his colleagues Gregory Vada, Linda Chang, and Nicole Ginnis. I then met with Commissioner Kevin Martin, and Sheryl Wilkerson, Legal Advisor to Chairman Michael Powell.

I was representing my company, Edge Wireless, a rural carrier that currently operates in Eastern Idaho, Southwestern Wyoming, Southern Oregon and Northern California. There are no large (or even medium-sized) cities in our market areas. With over 300 cell sites offering TDMA and GSM/GPRS service, Edge Wireless brings "big city technology" to smaller, rural markets.

Like a series of other small and medium-sized rural carriers, Edge expressed strong support for early Commission approval of the Cingular and AT&T Wireless merger. We believe that this merger will both strengthen small rural carriers and help us deliver better services to Americans living in rural areas.

I said we want and need fast approval of this merger so we have a strong national partner supporting our GSM/GPRS services. We have the best network in Pocatello, Idaho, by far, but customers there also want to roam onto a strong national GSM/GPRS network. That is the promise of the Cingular and AT&T Wireless merger.

Pursuant to the Commission's Rule 1.1206(b), this letter is being filed electronically.

Sincerely yours,

Wayne Perry  
Chief Executive Officer  
Edge Wireless