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October 7, 2004

Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 - 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

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

Dear Ms. Dortch

On October 7, 2004, I communicated by telephone with Sheryl Wilkerson of Chairman Michael Powell's staff, Barry Ohlson of Commissioner Jonathan Adelstein's staff, Paul Margie of Commissioner Michael Copps' staff, Jennifer Manner of Commissioner Kathleen Abernathy's staff, and Sam Feder of Commissioner Kevin Martin's staff.

I said that Edge Wireless strongly supports the Cingular Wireless/AT&T Wireless merger, and urged that it be approved as soon as possible. I explained how the merger and related activities would help us and other small rural wireless carriers deploy quality GSM service, including broadband, to our service areas. I noted that the failure by the FCC to act quickly will harm the combined entity due to the impending Christmas sales season, and thus harm my company by reducing overall national GSM competitiveness.

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

Sincerely yours,

Wayne Perry  
Chief Executive Officer  
Edge Wireless