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ELECTRONIC EX PARTE FILING

The Honorable Michael K. Powell
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Room 8B201
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: T-Mobile USA, Inc.-Western Wireless Corp.-Nextel Communications-
Nextel Partners Petition for Declaratory Ruling Regarding Wireless
Termination Tariffs, CC Docket No. 01-92;
Sprint Corp. Petition for Declaratory Ruling Regarding the Routing and
Rating of Traffic by LECs, CC Docket No. 01-92

Dear Chairman Powell:

I write today to appeal to the Commission to move the two wireless intercarrier compensation petitions pending before you. These two matters have been languishing at the FCC for nearly three years. It seems to me, at first blush, that these proceedings are very straightforward. They ask for relief that is consistent with the statute, Commission and judicial precedent – and important for consumers.

Just yesterday I was on the Hill testifying before the Rural Congressional Caucus about the great opportunities that exist for wireless and for rural customers. And I believe that is true. However, barriers and impediments like those addressed in the two pending proceedings will prevent consumers from enjoying those benefits.

I am particularly concerned about the effect further inaction by the Commission might have on our smaller wireless carriers who typically serve rural America. They simply do not have the ability to spread the added cost they would incur (disproportionately) across a large and diversified customer base. As you know, wireless is highly competitive, and I believe having a broad and diversified carrier group is an asset of our industry that benefits consumers equally in both urban and rural areas.

In closing, I'm writing to emphasize that these matters are of the highest importance for our industry and I implore you not to pass on resolving them now.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules, an electronic copy of this letter is being filed. I appreciate your attention to these important matters.

Sincerely,



Steve Largent

cc: Bryan Tramont
Christopher Libertelli
Sheryl J. Wilkerson