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Marlene Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street  
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Ms. Dortch:

I am writing today in reference to the proposed merger between Alltel Communications and Western Wireless. While I have not had the opportunity to work directly with Western Wireless, I have worked very closely with Alltel Communications over the last several years on the deployment of wireless E-911 Phase I and Phase II.

To say that Alltel has performed well in the provision of this life-saving service would be an understatement. Alltel has been extremely aggressive in tackling Phase I and Phase II. Within Virginia, they were one of the first carriers to get on schedule for their Phase I deployments (within the 6-month timeframe) and remains on schedule with their Phase II deployments. Rather than making excuses for why deployments cannot proceed, they find solutions that overcome obstacles and improve the service to the people we both serve.

Though I have not worked with Western Wireless, I am confident that the capabilities of the merged company will be strengthened by the experience and outstanding performance of Alltel.

I appreciate the opportunity to express my views and if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Marzolf", written over a horizontal line.

Steve Marzolf  
Virginia PSC Coordinator