



March 30, 2005

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Applications for the transfer of control of licenses and authorizations from Nextel Communications, Inc. to Sprint Corporation (WT Docket No. 05-63)

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Please accept this letter on behalf of Nex-Tech Wireless, LLC (Nex-Tech Wireless) in support of the transfer applications necessary for the approval of the merger of Sprint Corporation (Sprint) and Nextel Communications, Inc. (Nextel).

Nex-Tech Wireless is a newly formed entity created for the purpose of bringing advanced wireless communications to the underserved areas of rural northwest Kansas. The founding parent companies of Nex-Tech Wireless are Rural Telephone Service Co., Inc. (Lenora, Kansas) and Golden Belt Telephone Assoc. (Rush Center, Kansas). These rural Local Exchange Carriers (LECs) understand the need for and have established a long history of providing rural communities with high quality, state-of-the-art telecommunication systems. Through the Sprint Strategic Roaming Alliance (SRA) program, Nex-Tech Wireless will bring the advanced voice and data applications associated with personal communications service (PCS) to rural Kansas. Many of these rural areas are currently without reliable, full coverage commercial wireless service.

Nex-Tech Wireless firmly believes the merger of Sprint and Nextel will improve the benefits and services that will be made available to Nex-Tech Wireless customers. Combining Sprint's voice and data expertise with Nextel's advanced services will ultimately bring more rapid technology improvements to rural Nex-Tech Wireless customers. In addition, the merger will create a larger national footprint, thus leveling the playing field for Nex-Tech Wireless corporate customers who compete nationally and internationally with their urban counterparts.



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Nex-Tech Wireless Service Area

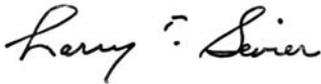
Nex-Tech Wireless intends to deliver full, nearly ubiquitous, PCS coverage to a large 23,000 square mile area of rural northwest Kansas, with a population base of only 152,000. Traditionally, the low customer and revenue base has not attracted the large national carriers that provide technically superior service to urban markets. However, Sprint has recognized the need to serve rural markets such as those in northwest Kansas. Nex-Tech Wireless's alliance with Sprint has brought access to technology, a link to a national provider and network, and partnerships with various other rural wireless providers—all with the goal of providing complete wireless coverage to this region for the first time ever.

The Sprint and Nextel merger enlarges and enhances the national network that provides greater geographic coverage for the Nex-Tech Wireless customer base. As a result, Nex-Tech Wireless customers will have access to national coverage plans at affordable prices.

Public Interest Benefits

Nex-Tech Wireless believes the merger between Sprint and Nextel will create substantial benefits, especially to those customers with whom we are most acquainted—those within the proposed Nex-Tech Wireless service area. Since construction of the Nex-Tech Wireless network is ongoing, and customers are eagerly awaiting Nex-Tech Wireless service, we ask the Federal Communications Commission to expeditiously approve the applications for transfer.

Sincerely,



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President, Nex-Tech Wireless, LLC

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