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April 4, 2005

Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communication Commission  
445 12th St. SW  
Room TW-A325  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Merger of Sprint and Nextel  
Docket proceeding, 05-63

Dear Ms. Dortch:

During its 26-year history, the United States Hispanic Chamber of Commerce has worked to bring the issues and concerns of the nation's more than 2 million Hispanic-owned businesses to the forefront of the national economic agenda. Through its network of more than 150 local Hispanic Chambers of Commerce and Hispanic trade associations, the USHCC effectively communicates the needs and potential of Hispanic enterprise to the public and private sector.

Advancements in telecommunications – new technologies and cost efficiencies -- are critical for the success of all businesses, and Hispanic-owned businesses have a clear interest in the changes taking place in the telecommunications industry. To that end, the USHCC would like to express our organization's support for the pending merger of Sprint and Nextel.

Sprint and Nextel respectively, are USHCC Corporate Partners; we have recognized their strong commitment to diversity in their employee and supplier bases. And both companies have made important investments in communities across the nation where our members operate businesses.

We believe that the merged company will have even greater opportunities to continue this commitment to diversity, and that its capabilities will benefit our members through a broader range of product offerings and new technologies.

The merged Sprint Nextel will be positioned as a wireless-focused company with the size and assets to compete with the two larger Bell-affiliated wireless companies, and also with the local incumbent telephone companies. Both companies have a history of innovation, and as a merged entity, will be able to build on those strengths using a next-generation wireless broadband network to provide new solutions and greater choice for consumers.

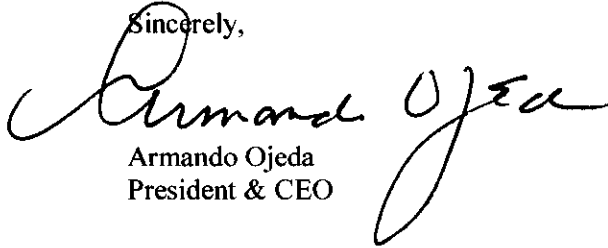
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For these reasons, the U.S. Hispanic Chamber of Commerce urges the Commission to consider the positive impact this transaction will have for our members and the public at large, and to find the merger of Sprint and Nextel in the public interest. Please associate this letter with the aforementioned docket proceedings.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Armando Ojeda". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'A' and a long, sweeping tail on the 'a'.

Armando Ojeda  
President & CEO