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Secretary
Federal Communication Commission
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RE: Sprint – Nextel merger, docket no. 05-63

Dear Ms. Dortch:

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The 2.5 GHz spectrum has been an important resource for the transmission of educational material and of great value to educational institutions which hold licenses for EBS radio services. The ability to lease unused spectrum has been an important factor to ensure that the spectrum is being more fully utilized, and the University of Arizona has found Sprint to be an industry leader in developing better uses for that portion of spectrum it leases.

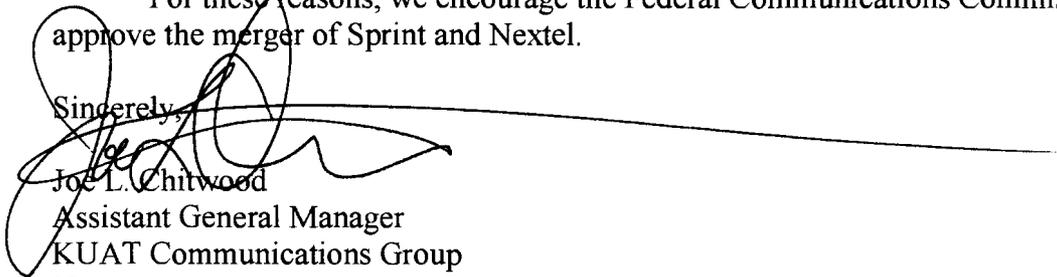
We believe that the proposed merger of Sprint and Nextel is an extremely positive development for the future of 2.5 GHz spectrum overall. The combined spectrum holdings and leases, along with the combined technological skill and financial resources of both companies, will facilitate the deployment of the kind of services that have been envisioned for this spectrum. These applications will improve the educational use of the spectrum as well.

We do not see any anti-competitive issues arising from bringing these companies together. The new company would not have a significant majority share of the spectrum in any key market, and there is significant additional spectrum for others to use.

Overall, 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. And the new company will have the added scale and complimentary assets that will allow it to improve service quality and geographic coverage.

For these reasons, we encourage the Federal Communications Commission to approve the merger of Sprint and Nextel.

Sincerely,



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