

National Emergency Number Association  
*The Voice of 9-1-1*



May 4, 2005

Ms. Marlene Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: WT Docket No. 05-63 – Ex Parte Communication

Dear Ms. Dortch:

The National Emergency Number Association (“NENA”) offers this letter to express our encouragement of the proposed merger between Nextel Communications (“Nextel”) and Sprint. (“Sprint”).

NENA, the nation’s only association dedicated completely to 9-1-1, is an active participant in the Commission’s enhanced 9-1-1 (“E9-1-1”) outreach and regulatory proceeding – CC Docket No. 94-102. We are also the nation’s leading voice in supporting ubiquitous E9-1-1 services.

We are pleased that Sprint and Nextel continue to make progress in their E9-1-1 deployment. As noted in their recent Quarterly Reports at the FCC, both Sprint and Nextel have adhered to their existing compliance obligations under the FCC’s rules, and continue to demonstrate their commitment to making E9-1-1 services available to their customers throughout the nation. As individual corporate entities they have worked alongside and in many cases with our many committees, members, and programs to accelerate E9-1-1 deployment.

Under current FCC rules and deadlines, as well as the good corporate citizenry of Sprint and Nextel we believe that the capabilities of each company to implement and improve 9-1-1 services will be strengthened by their merger.

We thank you for your consideration of our perspective in this matter and the Commission’s leadership in 9-1-1. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us directly.

Sincerely,

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President  
National Emergency Number Association