



Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

May 6, 2005

Via First Class Mail and Facsimile

Mr. Mark S. Rubin, Director
Federal Government Affairs
Western Wireless Corporation
401 9th Street, N.W., Suite 550
Washington, DC 20004

Re: Applications for Authority to Transfer Control to Sprint Corporation Licenses and Authorizations Held by Nextel Communications, Inc.

Dear Mr. Rubin:

On February 8, 2005, the Commission received applications seeking consent for the transfer of control to Sprint Corporation of various Commission licenses and authorizations held by Nextel Communications, Inc.¹ In order for the Commission to complete its review of the applications and make the necessary public interest findings under section 310(d) of the Communications Act,² we require data from other commercial wireless carriers against which the applicants compete.

Accordingly, pursuant to sections 4(i), 4(j), and 403 of the Act, we request that you provide data as set forth in the Attachment.³ Your response will be treated as confidential pursuant to the Protective Order issued in WT Docket No. 05-63, on February 16, 2005.⁴ We would appreciate receiving your response no later than May 20, 2005.

Your response should be hand delivered to either Louis Peraertz or Sara Mechanic of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau and marked "Confidential Information – Subject to Protective Order in WT Docket No. 05-63 before the Federal Communications Commission." A cover letter indicating the delivery of your response must be filed with Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, under reference number WT Docket No. 05-63. If a paper copy is filed, the Public Notice and the Protective Order require the submission of

¹ The applications were submitted pursuant to Section 214 and 310 of the Communications Act of 1934. 47 U.S.C. §§ 214, 310.

Id. at § 310(d).

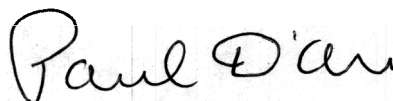
³ 47 U.S.C. §§ 154(i), 154(j), 403. *See generally* *FCC v. Schreiber*, 381 U.S. 279 (1965).

⁴ Applications for the Transfer of Control of Licenses and Authorizations from Nextel Communications, Inc. to Sprint Corporation – Order Adopting Protective Order, WT Docket No. 05-63, Order, DA 05-423 (rel. Feb. 16, 2005) ("Protective Order").

multiple copies of the filing.⁵ If you file the cover letter electronically using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System, you should also send a copy of the letter via e-mail to Louis Peraertz, louis.peraertz@fcc.gov and to Sara Mechanic, sara.mechanic@fcc.gov.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Louis Peraertz or Sara Mechanic, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, at (202) 418-1879 or (202) 418-0793, respectively.

Sincerely,



For Scott D. Delacourt
Deputy Chief
Wireless Telecommunications Bureau

Attachments

⁵ See Sprint Corporation and Nextel Communications, Inc., Seek FCC Consent to Transfer Control of Licenses and Authorizations, WT Docket No. 05-63, *Public Notice*, DA 05-552 (rel. Feb. 28, 2005) ("Public Notice"); Protective Order.