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

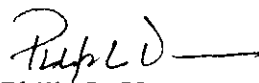
Dear Ms. Dortch:

Lawrence R. Krevor and Regina M. Keeney on behalf of Nextel Communications, Inc. and Vonya B. McCann and I on behalf of Sprint Corporation met yesterday with Paul Margie, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Michael Copps, in connection with the proposed merger of Nextel and Sprint. We reviewed the material in the record, noting particularly the views of merger proponents and opponents with respect to mobile telephony competition, 800 MHz rebanding, and Broadband Radio Service spectrum holdings.

As to the latter two matters, we indicated that the Commission recently has addressed relevant policy questions in a comprehensive way and continues to do so in connection with reconsideration petitions. We also indicated that the concerns raised by merger opponents have no or only very tenuous relationships to the transaction. As to the issue of competition in mobile telephony markets, we indicated that the Commission's decision approving the Cingular-AT&T Wireless merger has produced an analytical framework for reviewing the merger. We expressed the view that the legal and policy issues associated with the merger are straightforward and governed by recent precedent, and, as a result, lend themselves to an early decision on the transfer applications.

In accordance with the Commission's rules, I am submitting two copies of this letter.

Sincerely,


Philip L. Verveer

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