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**EX PARTE**

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

Re: Applications for Consent to the Transfer of Control of Licenses and Authorizations from Nextel Communications, Inc. and its Subsidiaries to Sprint Corporation; WT Docket No. 05-63

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On July 21, 2005, Lawrence R. Krevor, Vice President, Government Affairs, Nextel Communications, Inc. ("Nextel") and Vonya B. McCann, Senior Vice President, Federal External Affairs, Sprint Corporation ("Sprint") met with Barry Ohlson, Senior Legal Advisor for Commissioner Adelstein. Mr. Krevor and Ms. McCann noted that the comment cycle is now closed and the record is well developed and complete. Accordingly, they urged the Commission to act expeditiously to approve the merger.

The representatives for Sprint and Nextel further stated that plans to spin-off Sprint's incumbent local exchange carrier business to the shareholders of the merged company, Sprint Nextel, are well underway. The shareholders of Sprint Nextel, including the members of management and the members of the Board of Directors, will become shareholders of LTD Holding Company in connection with the spin-off. As such, there will be every incentive to ensure that the Sprint LECs will continue to be financially capable of performing as a successful enterprise and fulfilling all the requirements of telecommunications public utilities. LTD Holding Company will be a financially sound Fortune 500 company.

Mr. Krevor and Ms. McCann also discussed lease arrangements with licensees in the Educational Broadband Service (EBS). Sprint and Nextel conduct good-faith negotiations with EBS licensees for highly sought-after spectrum resources. Sprint and

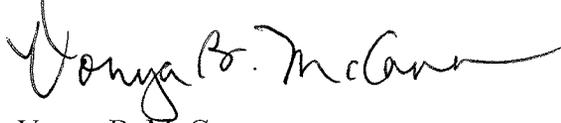
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Nextel are committed to reaching mutually acceptable arrangements with any EBS licensee that wishes to lease its spectrum, and neither carrier has a policy of refusing to deal with licensees that want to retain more than the regulatory minimum portion of its spectrum for non-commercial use.

While the Commission's rules permit EBS licensees to lease up to 95 percent of their spectrum to commercial operators for non-educational use, Sprint and Nextel recognize that such decisions are within an EBS licensee's sole discretion. Indeed, contrary to the speculative claims of some parties to this proceeding,<sup>1</sup> many of the leases that Nextel executed with EBS licensees in 2005 reserve substantially more than the regulatory minimum amount of spectrum for non-commercial use. In short, there is no basis in the record for concluding that the proposed merger would in any way preclude or inhibit EBS licensees from using more than the regulatory minimum portion of their spectrum for non-commercial purposes.

Pursuant to section 1.1206(b)(2) of the Commission's rules, this letter is being filed electronically in the record of the above-referenced proceeding. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,



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cc: Barry Ohlson

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<sup>1</sup> See, e.g., *Ex Parte Communication of the ITFS/2.5 GHz Mobile Wireless Engineering & Development Alliance, Inc. (IMWED)*, WT Docket No. 05-63 (July 11, 2005) (IMWED July 11, 2005 Ex Parte); *Letter from Harold Feld, Media Access Project, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, Federal Communications Commission*, WT Docket No. 05-63 (July 18, 2005) (MAP July 18, 2005 Ex Parte).