

McDermott Will & Emery

Boston Brussels Chicago Düsseldorf London Los Angeles Miami Milan
Munich New York Orange County Rome San Diego Silicon Valley Washington, D.C.

Christine M. Gill
Attorney at Law
cgill@mwe.com
202.756.8283

July 29, 2005

Filed Electronically

Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
445 Twelfth Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Notice of *Ex Parte* Presentation, WT Docket No. 05-63

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On July 28, 2005, Michael D. Rosenthal of SouthernLINC Wireless, my colleague, David Rines, and I met with Commissioner Jonathan S. Adelstein and his Legal Advisor, Barry Ohlson, to discuss the proposed merger of Sprint Corporation and Nextel Communications, Inc. At this meeting we discussed the need for a condition to be placed on this proposed merger whereby the combined Sprint-Nextel company would be obliged to provide voice, digital dispatch, and data roaming on reasonable, non-discriminatory terms and conditions and at reasonable, non-discriminatory rates.

We discussed the important public interest considerations underlying the availability of roaming and the specific harm the proposed merger could impose on consumers of wireless services – particularly those who live in areas not directly served by a nationwide carrier – absent such a condition. As to the availability of roaming, we discussed the unique nature of iDEN service and the lack of roaming alternatives. We discussed the difficulties SouthernLINC Wireless has experienced in its attempts to obtain roaming with Nextel Communications and Nextel Partners, the impact this has had on wireless customers, and how these problems would be exacerbated by the proposed merger.

Marlene H. Dortch
July 29, 2005
Page 2

In accordance with the Commission's rules, one copy of this *ex parte* notice is filed electronically for inclusion in the record of the above-referenced proceeding.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Christine M. Gill". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "C".

Christine M. Gill

cc: Commissioner Jonathan S. Adelstein
Barry Ohlson