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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 Paul Margie, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Michael J. Copps, 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.

We also provided Mr. Margie with a copy of the *ex parte* letter (without attachments) on this issue that SouthernLINC Wireless filed in this docket on July 18, 2005, a copy of which is attached hereto.

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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 cursive script, appearing to read "Christine M. Gill". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Christine M. Gill

Attachment

cc: Paul Margie