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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: *Ex Parte Presentation, Applications for Consent to the Transfer of Control of Licenses and Authorizations from Nextel Communications, Inc. and its Subsidiaries to Sprint Corporation, WT Dkt. No. 05-63; Amendment of Parts 1, 21, 73, 74 and 101 of the Commission's Rules, WT Dkt. No. 03-66*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On August 1, 2005, Larry Krevor and Trey Hanbury of Nextel Communications, Inc. ("Nextel"), Vonya McCann of Sprint Corporation ("Sprint"), and A. Richard Metzger, Jr., and the undersigned, outside counsel for Nextel, met with Barry Ohlson, Senior Legal Advisor to Commissioner Adelstein. During the meeting, representatives for Sprint and Nextel discussed licensing arrangements in the 2.5 GHz band. In particular, the representatives of Sprint and Nextel pointed out that, as with other Broadband Radio Service ("BRS") licensees in the 2.5 GHz band, Sprint's and Nextel's 2.5 GHz license areas consist of a mixture of geographic service areas ("GSAs") and basic trading areas ("BTAs") that can overlap and result in irregularly shaped coverage areas. These irregular coverage areas must be identified on a channel-by-channel basis and then aggregated to determine the actual authorized coverage area of a 2.5 GHz licensee.

The parties reviewed the attached representation of a single channel in the 2.5 GHz band as a representative example of the complicated licensing structure that has resulted from the amalgam of different licensing areas used in the 2.5 GHz band over the past few decades. These factors and others, such as technological and regulatory uncertainty, complicate the deployment of services in this spectrum.

The representatives of the two companies also discussed the commitment of Sprint and Nextel to transition the 2.5 GHz band rapidly to the new band plan that the Commission recently adopted for this spectrum in order to deploy new services and

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provide increased competition to benefit the American public, as outlined more fully in an *ex parte* letter filed earlier today.¹

Pursuant to the Commission's rules, this letter is being filed electronically in the record of the above-referenced proceedings. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

/s/ Regina M. Keeney

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Attachment

cc: Barry Ohlson

¹ See *Ex Parte* Letter from Lawrence R. Krevor, Nextel, and Vonya B. McCann, Sprint, to Marlene H. Dortch, FCC, WT Docket No. 05-63 (Aug. 2, 2005).

