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

Re: 2.5 GHz Transition Initiation Plan for Washington, D.C. BTA, BTA461

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to Section 27.1231(f) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 27.1231(f), Sprint Nextel Corporation and its subsidiaries (Sprint Nextel) hereby submit this Initiation Plan to transition certain Broadband Radio Service (BRS) and Educational Broadband Service (EBS) licensees.<sup>1</sup> As indicated below, this Initiation Plan filing includes: (i) identification of the BTA being transitioned; (ii) a list by call sign of all of the BRS and EBS licensees in the BTA that is being transitioned; (iii) a "best estimate" of when the transition will be completed; (iv) a statement confirming that licensees in adjoining or adjacent BTA(s) need not be transitioned to avoid interference to licensees in the subject BTA being transitioned; and (v) a certification that Sprint Nextel has the funds available to pay the reasonable expected costs of the transition.

***Section 27.1231(f)(1)(i), List of BTAs.***

The BTA being transitioned is listed in Exhibit A.

***Section 27.1231(f)(1)(ii), List of Transitioning Licensees.***

A list by call sign of all BRS and EBS licensees in the BTA that is being transitioned is provided in Exhibit A.

***Section 27.1231(f)(1)(iii), Best Estimate for Completion.***

After evaluating the various factors at issue in transitioning these licensees, including the number of licensees being transitioned, Sprint Nextel's best estimate for completion of this transition is on July 31, 2007.

***Section 27.1231(f)(1)(iv), Statement on Adjacent BTAs.***

Sprint Nextel has determined that it is unnecessary to transition any BRS/EBS licensees in adjacent or adjoining BTAs in order to avoid interference to the licensees in the markets that are the subject of this Initiation Plan. Our analysis shows that there will be no harmful interference to the transitioned licensees from existing operations outside the BTA. However, if field measurements indicate interference from operations outside the BTA, Sprint Nextel will incorporate the interfering licensee(s) into this transition or initiate transition for the BTA of the interfering licensee(s).

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<sup>1</sup> Sprint Nextel is eligible to serve as the proponent to transition these areas under section 27.1231(c)(1) of the Commission's rules. 47 C.F.R. § 27.1231(c). Sprint Nextel has also satisfied all necessary conditions for filing an Initiation Plan, including sending a Pre-Transition Data Request and a Transition Notice to every BRS and EBS licensee in the subject BTA. See 47 C.F.R. §§ 27.1231(d)-(e).

**Section 27.1231(f)(1)(v), Statement on Co-Proponent.**

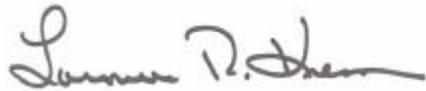
Not applicable. Sprint Nextel is not transitioning this market jointly with a co-proponent.

**Section 27.1231(f)(1)(vi), Certification of Funds.**

Sprint Nextel certifies, based on the data collected through the Pre-Transition Data Requests, that it has sufficient funds available to pay the reasonable expected costs of the transition. As of March 31, 2006, as reported in Sprint Nextel's SEC Form 10-Q, Sprint Nextel had total assets of \$102.77 billion, unaudited.<sup>2</sup>

In the event you have any questions regarding the Initiation Plan, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,



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Vice President  
Government Affairs  
Sprint Nextel Corporation

Attachment

cc: Joel Taubenblatt, John Schauble, Nancy Zaczek

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<sup>2</sup> See Sprint Nextel Corporation Form 10-Q, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 5, 2006.

## EXHIBIT A

Sprint Nextel is transitioning the Washington, D.C. BTA. The following list sets forth, by call sign, all BRS and EBS licensees that are being transitioned pursuant to this Initiation Plan.

<b>Call Sign</b>	<b>Licensee Name</b>	<b>BTA</b>
WHR972	Commonwealth Public Broadcasting Corporation	BTA461
WHT659	F Corporation	BTA461
KA88815	George Mason Univ. Instructional Foundation, Inc	BTA461
WHB652	George Mason Univ. Instructional Foundation, Inc	BTA461
WLX235	George Mason Univ. Instructional Foundation, Inc	BTA461
WLX728	George Mason Univ. Instructional Foundation, Inc	BTA461
KA88816	George Mason Univ. Instructional Foundation, Inc	BTA461
WHG443	George Washington University	BTA461
WHG442	HITN, Inc.	BTA461
WNC845	Maryland State Department Of Education	BTA461
WMY489	Michael Kelley Revocable Trust U/D/T May 18, 1994	BTA461
WHR461	Network For Instructional TV, Inc.	BTA461
B461	Nextel Spectrum Acquisition Corp.	BTA461
WNEY445	Nextel Spectrum Acquisition Corp.	BTA461
WNEK840	Nextel Spectrum Acquisition Corp.	BTA461
WHJ920	Nextel Spectrum Acquisition Corp.	BTA461
WDT881	University Of Maryland	BTA461
WLX829	University Of Maryland College Park	BTA461
WNEK840	Veritas, LLC	BTA461
WHT747	Washington MDS Company	BTA461