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Via Electronic Submission

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: *Written Ex Parte Communication*
Sprint Nextel Corporation Request for Limited Extension
WT Docket No. 05-286

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Sprint Nextel Corporation (“Sprint Nextel”) submits this written *ex parte* communication to provide the Federal Communications Commission (“FCC”) with the most recent data available on Sprint Nextel’s efforts to meet the December 31, 2005, mandate that 95% of its existing subscriber base be equipped with Global Positioning Satellite (“GPS”) handsets.

Sprint Nextel has made substantial progress converting its customer base and, as of October 31, 2006, reached a GPS penetration rate of 90.10%. This figure includes the handset numbers for the recently acquired Nextel Partners, Inc. As discussed in previous filings, this penetration level would have been significantly higher if not for a Motorola software failure that in July 2004 disabled the GPS capability of more than 4.7 million iDEN handsets used by customers of Sprint Nextel’s predecessor Nextel Communications, Inc. If this software failure had not occurred, or if consumers had responded to the multiple attempts the Company has made to upgrade the software on their phones, Sprint Nextel would have a penetration rate of 94.05% as of October 31, 2006.

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 1.206(b)(2), this letter is being filed electronically for inclusion in the record of this proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,

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