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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

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

Re: WT Docket No. 02-55
Ex Parte Presentation

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Sprint Nextel Corporation (“Sprint Nextel”) hereby provides the Federal Communications Commission (“Commission”) with an update on the status of 800 MHz Band Reconfiguration.

Sprint Nextel has worked diligently and in good faith to complete Phase I of 800 MHz band reconfiguration in as many National Public Safety Planning Advisory Committee (“NPSPAC”) regions as possible by December 26, 2006 – the Commission’s 18-month reconfiguration milestone. Sprint Nextel is pleased to inform the Commission that, as of today, all non-Sprint Nextel, non-SouthernLINC 1-120 channel incumbents have been retuned to comparable replacement channels in the 809-816/854-861 MHz channel block in each of the following 24 NPSPAC regions:

Alabama	Lubbock, TX
Alaska	Montana
Arkansas	Nebraska
Colorado	Nevada
Dallas, TX	North Dakota
Houston, TX	Oklahoma
Idaho	South Dakota
Illinois	Utah
Indiana	Virgin Islands
Iowa	West Virginia
Kansas	Wisconsin
Kentucky	Wyoming

Sprint Nextel has also initiated Phase II retuning negotiations with every NPSPAC licensee in each of the above-listed regions. Consistent with the Commission’s requirements, Sprint Nextel is moving forward diligently with Phase II of the 800 MHz band reconfiguration process.

In addition, Sprint Nextel has completed all of the steps necessary to enable all Phase I incumbents to retune their systems in 9 additional NPSPAC regions, as follows:

New York	Austin, TX
Great Lakes (Chicago)	Hawaii
Northern California	Minnesota
Eastern Pennsylvania	Missouri
Tennessee	

In each of these regions, Sprint Nextel has entered into a Frequency Retuning Agreement (FRA) with every incumbent licensee required to retune its system in Phase I. Sprint Nextel has either cleared comparable replacement channels for each incumbent at 809-816 MHz/854-861 MHz, or stands ready to do so upon notice that an incumbent is ready to retune. In addition, Sprint Nextel has initiated Phase II retuning negotiations with every NPSPAC licensee in each of the above-listed regions.

In short, the incumbents in each of these 9 additional NPSPAC regions have the necessary funding and replacement channels to complete the physical retuning of their systems -- a process Sprint Nextel does not control. While most of these incumbents have completed retuning; some are still doing so and a few have not yet begun to physically retune their equipment. Implementing the physical retuning of an incumbent 800 MHz system generally involves the incumbent hiring vendors to perform the necessary work on handsets, mobile units and systems infrastructure. Incumbent licensees are responsible for taking these actions or overseeing their completion. Sprint Nextel has no direct involvement in the actual retuning of an incumbent's system, consistent with the Commission's admonition that Sprint Nextel shall not have access to an incumbent's facilities during the retuning process.¹

¹ *Improving Public Safety Communications in the 800 MHz Band; Consolidating the 800 and 900 MHz Industrial/Land Transportation and Business Pool Channels*, Report and Order, Fifth Report and Order, Fourth Memorandum Opinion and Order, and Order, 19 FCC Rcd 14969, ¶ 198 (2004) (“*R&O*”); Supplemental Order and Order on Reconsideration, 19 FCC Rcd 25120, ¶ 74 (2004) (“*Supplemental Order*”).

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In January 2007, Sprint Nextel will submit to the 800 MHz Transition Administrator (“TA”) and the Commission a complete report on the status of Phase I 800 MHz band reconfiguration as of the Commission’s December 26, 2006 interim progress benchmark. Of course, Sprint Nextel will continue to work diligently to complete Phase I retuning in all remaining NPSPAC regions.

Sincerely,

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