December 28, 2006

Via Electronic Filing

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Ex Parte Notice: AT&T, Inc. and BellSouth Corporation Applications for Transfer of Control – WC Docket No. 06-74 and DA 06-2035

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On December 27, 2006, Regina M. Keeney and I, counsel to Sprint Nextel Corporation (Sprint Nextel) in this proceeding, called Bruce L. Gottlieb, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Michael J. Copps, to emphasize the need for meaningful conditions on the AT&T-BellSouth transaction with respect to the merged company’s provision of interstate special access services. We also stated that the public should be given notice and an opportunity to comment on any conditions newly-proposed by the applicants. On that date, I also called Scott M. Deutchman, Competition and Universal Service Legal Advisor to Commissioner Copps, and Scott Bergmann, Legal Advisor for Wireline Issues to Commissioner Jonathan S. Adelstein, to make the same points. These points are consistent with the Comments filed by Sprint Nextel in the above-referenced proceeding on October 24, 2006.

Pursuant to the Commission’s rules, this letter is being submitted for inclusion in the public record of the above-referenced proceeding.

Sincerely,

/s/ A. Richard Metzger, Jr.
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cc: Bruce L. Gottlieb
Scott M. Deutchman
Scott Bergmann