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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:

On Thursday, August 30, 2007, Lawrence Krevor, Vice President, Government Affairs – Spectrum, Sprint Nextel Corporation (“Sprint Nextel”); Laura Carter, Vice President, Government Affairs – Federal Regulatory, Sprint Nextel; Charles McKee, Director, Government Affairs, Sprint Nextel; Christopher Wright of Harris, Wiltshire & Grannis LLP; and I met with Commissioner Robert McDowell and Angela Giancarlo, Legal Advisor on Wireless & International Issues for Commissioner McDowell. On the same date, Lawrence Krevor, Christopher Wright, and I met with Chris Moore, Legal Advisor for Commissioner Deborah Taylor Tate, and Wayne Leighton, Advisor for Commissioner Tate. In both meetings, we discussed the need for regional planning and synchronization to implement the “channel swaps” that are a central part of the 800 MHz public safety rebanding process. We explained that when public safety entities are ready to vacate their channels, they “swap spectrum” with Sprint Nextel. The public safety operators move to the spectrum now used by Sprint Nextel’s iDEN® network, and Sprint Nextel moves from its current channels into the channels now used by public safety licensees.

As six regional coordinations have already demonstrated, planning and synchronizing channel swaps are necessary to prevent disruptions to public safety communications and Sprint Nextel’s service – including service to its public safety customers. First responders rely significantly on Sprint Nextel’s iDEN service, particularly in emergencies. On September 11 and again in the emergency response to Hurricane Katrina, Sprint Nextel’s iDEN service was the only mobile communications available for many first responders. Synchronized channel swaps also advance the efficient and intensive use of spectrum, since no channels lie fallow.

We urged that the Commission not disrupt this planning and coordination process by requiring Sprint Nextel to abandon its spectrum before public safety is ready to use the channels. This would not advance 800 MHz reconfiguration in any way nor otherwise benefit public safety

or the public interest; on the contrary, it would seriously harm public safety by disrupting first responders' communications. This action would also squander scarce spectrum resources.

In addition to pointing out the policy flaws in any such requirement, we described the procedural and legal infirmities if the Commission were to require Sprint Nextel to abandon its iDEN channels prematurely. Sprint Nextel's acceptance of the 800 MHz reconfiguration obligations in February 2005 was premised on receiving synchronized replacement spectrum. Moreover, Sprint Nextel has not been given sufficient notice or opportunity to comment on any departure from synchronized replacement.

The Commission can prevent disruptions to public safety and other 800 MHz communications, while still expediting the 800 MHz reconfiguration process, by affirming the planning and synchronization process for 800 MHz reconfiguration. We urged the Commission to affirm the spectrum swap obligations that Sprint Nextel accepted. The Commission should require Sprint Nextel to relinquish its iDEN spectrum only when public safety licensees are ready to use those channels and to vacate their own frequencies.

Pursuant to section 1.1206(b)(2) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b)(2), this letter is being filed electronically for inclusion in the public record of this proceeding.

Sincerely,

/s/ Regina M. Keeney
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cc: Commissioner Robert McDowell
Angela Giancarlo
Chris Moore
Wayne Leighton