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

Re: *Improving Public Safety Communications in the 800 MHz Band*, WT Docket No. 02-55, ET Docket No. 00-258, ET Docket No. 95-18

2 GHz BAS Relocation Update

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Sprint Nextel, broadcast auxiliary licensees, and myriad other stakeholders, successfully transitioned the Las Vegas, Nevada market on December 15, 2007. The relocation of Las Vegas is a major accomplishment. Las Vegas is a highly competitive and aggressive news-gathering market, which includes seven television stations with eighteen broadcast installations at nine separate receive sites. Las Vegas conducts electronic newsgathering operations up to six hours a day using twenty-four mobile units and three high definition news helicopters. Moreover, some of the stations broadcast entirely in high definition. Thanks to substantial advance work and ample preparation, none of the stations encountered technical difficulties during the cut over to the new band plan, which included a test of the helicopters and of every channel using the mobile units.

The BAS relocation process passed another important milestone on December 7, 2007, when the parties relocated the top-fifty market of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania to the new BAS channel plan. Harrisburg, which is Pennsylvania's state capital and the region's center for finance, commerce, entertainment, and the arts, is another active broadcast market that relies extensively on electronic news gathering. The Harrisburg cut over occurred seamlessly due in large part to the cooperation of the market's broadcasters, who worked diligently to conclude all aspects of the transition. In fact, one station covered a breaking news story from the new band plan while the remaining stations cut over without causing or experiencing harmful interference. In addition to Harrisburg, the three-station Harrisonburg, VA market and one-station Charlottesville, VA market cut over to the new 2 GHz BAS band plan on December 10, 2007.

All told, the 2 GHz relocation effort has seen considerable progress in the last several months. As of December 14, 2007, seventy-eight percent of the stations to be relocated have submitted deal packages; seventy-one percent of the deal packages have been approved, and fifty-nine percent of the frequency relocation agreements have been signed. As of late as March 2007, these figures were thirty-seven percent, thirty percent, and twenty-two percent, respectively—which means that the percentage of stations relocated and deal packages approved has more

than doubled, and the percentage of signed frequency relocation agreements has nearly tripled.

Finally, the Presque Isle, ME market is ready to transition to the new band plan; the only remaining obstacle is the completed license modification required of all markets within thirty-five miles of the Canadian border.

Please feel free to contact us should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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