



Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Office of the Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

July 21, 2008

Re: WT Docket 08-94  
Colorado Public Television, KBDI/Ch. 12  
Sprint Nextel Corporation and Clearwire Corporation Seek FCC Consent to Transfer  
Control of Licenses and Authorizations

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Colorado Public Television, KBDI/Ch. 12, files these Comments in support of the Sprint Nextel Corporation ("Sprint") and Clearwire Corporation ("Clearwire") (collectively, "the Applicants") applications seeking Commission approval of the transfer of control of licenses, authorizations, and de facto transfer spectrum leases held by Sprint and Clearwire to a new wireless broadband company called Clearwire ("New Clearwire").

Colorado Public Television was started 28 years ago in Boulder, Colorado by a small, dedicated group of visionaries with a mission to cultivate an informed, energized community in Colorado by connecting diverse people through education, shared experiences, and reflective civic discourse. Their vision was to enrich and strengthen the culture of the state and region through innovative, high-quality programming and services that address substantive social and educational needs.

Today, as part of its mission to provide continuing thought-provoking, vigorous discourse about community issues, KBDI provides a regular schedule of more than 10 weekly hours of informative locally and regionally-oriented community and public affairs programming. In addition, the *Colorado Decides* series, produced in partnership every two years with the *Rocky Mountain News* and CBS Channel 4 News (KCNC), provides unparalleled exposure to candidates in local, state and federal races and to the proponents and opponents of the principal ballot initiatives.

Therefore, Colorado Public Television strongly supports the application of Sprint and Clearwire for the following reasons:

- The EBS license that Colorado Public Television leased to Sprint enables CPT the financial freedom to offer more quality programming to our community;
- New Clearwire will accelerate the deployment of the first nationwide mobile WiMAX broadband network creating a unique opportunity to deliver new broadband products and services in the 2.5 GHz band that will dramatically enhance the way that EBS Licensee's community access the Internet-combining mobility and speed, with access anytime and anywhere;
- The Transaction enables Clearwire to receive essential capital funding - \$3.2 billion – necessary to build and operate the critical broadband infrastructure needed to deploy the next-generation nationwide mobile wireless broadband services that will benefit the community and for which neither Sprint Nextel nor Clearwire alone possesses sufficient financial or spectrum resources to deploy alone;
- New Clearwire will have the capacity, scale, and money necessary to unleash the promise of the historically underutilized 2.5 GHz spectrum to the benefit of the educational community, consumers and businesses;

- Combining Clearwire and Sprint Nextel's 2.5 GHz spectrum licenses maximizes spectrum build-out capability in EBS Licensee's GSAs by minimizing challenging network deployment and operational effects arising from the 2.5 GHz's bands unique and varied historical service and licensing schemes.

For these and other reasons, we support the de facto transfer of spectrum leases held by Sprint and Clearwire to Clearwire Corporation (New Clearwire).

*/s/ Willard D. Rowland, Jr.*

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