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Re: WT Docket No. 08-94  
Applications of Sprint Nextel and Clearwire Corporation Seeking  
FCC Consent to Transfer Licenses and Authorizations

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of California State University (CSU), I am writing in support of the above-referenced transfer applications filed by Sprint Nextel Corporation and Clearwire Corporation. The proposed combination of the Sprint and Clearwire spectrum assets in the 2.5 GHz band will promote the deployment of an advanced wireless broadband network and create new opportunities for CSU and other educational institutions.

CSU is the largest university system in the country, with 23 campuses, 23,000 faculty members, and 450,000 students. It is renowned for the excellence of its faculty and programs and for its emphasis on high-quality teaching. CSU plays a critical role in developing programs to meet the needs of business, industry, and communities throughout California. To help us meet these needs, Cal State holds licenses for Educational Broadband Service (EBS) stations, including WHR463, WHR505, WHG268, WHR854, and WNC705. CSU uses these stations as part of a telecommunications network infrastructure that enables the university to carry out its mission in educating students and serving its communities in the information age.

As described in their application, the Sprint-Clearwire license transfers will create a new, nationwide WiMax network based on open standards. The state-of-the-art wireless broadband network should enhance Cal State's telecommunications infrastructure. We lease excess capacity on our EBS stations to Sprint, and, with approval of the FCC, our stations will become part of this new, high-speed network. Such a network can provide end users greater flexibility, mobility, and download and upload speeds, and can give CSU an important opportunity to expand and enhance its educational programs. The open standards that will be used in the network should also stimulate innovation and greater choice in the devices and applications our faculty, administration, and students use in communicating with each other and with the world.



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The 2.5 GHz band has long been underutilized, and it is vitally important for EBS licensees in the band to be able to take advantage of the opportunities created by new communications technologies. The proposed license transfers will help meet this important objective by creating a new company with the wherewithal to build a new, advanced broadband network and to be a strong partner for CSU and many other EBS licensees across the country.

CSU respectfully requests that the FCC grant the Sprint-Clearwire transfer applications.

Sincerely,

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cc: Ms. Patricia Cuocco, Senior Director, IT Policy, Planning and Advice  
Mr. Roger Conrad, Sprint-Nextel