

**Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter of)	
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Applications of Sprint Nextel Corporation and Clearwire Corporation)	WT Docket No. 08-94
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For Consent to Transfer Control of Licenses and Authorizations)	
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File Nos. 0003462540 and 0003368272 <i>et al.</i>)	

COMMENTS OF ATLANTA INTERFAITH BROADCASTERS, INC.

Atlanta Interfaith Broadcasters, Inc. ("AIB") hereby files in support of the proposed transaction between Clearwire Corporation ("Clearwire") and Sprint Nextel Corporation to create a new nationwide broadband service provider, new Clearwire Corporation ("New Clearwire"). AIB is a non-profit educational organization dedicated to improving the spiritual, intellectual and social well being of students and its members, viewers, and community by producing and distributing the very best in interfaith, educational and public service programming. AIB is licensee of EBS Station WHR755 in Atlanta, Georgia and currently holds a *de facto* transfer lease with Clearwire Spectrum Holdings II, LLC (Lease Identifier L000002379), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Clearwire. AIB believes that grant of the above-referenced applications and approval of the transaction is both in the public interest and in the best interest of AIB.

AIB strongly believes in the educational and societal benefits that will flow from a nationwide, mobile WIMAX broadband network. It believes that creation of New Clearwire will accelerate the deployment of such a 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 AIB and the members of its community access the Internet by enhancing mobility and speed, enabling users to access the Internet and other broadband services anytime and anywhere, whether at home, at school or on the road.

AIB also feels that the transaction will substantially benefit the EBS community at large, as it will enable 2.5 GHz EBS spectrum that Clearwire leases from AIB and others to be developed more rapidly into this nationwide advanced mobile broadband network, enabling AIB and other EBS licensees to finally obtain the full benefits of 2.5 GHz-based advanced wireless broadband services that can be used to further their educational mission while receiving economic and other benefits from their 2.5 GHz spectrum leases.

Through the New Clearwire transaction, AIB's licensed EBS Station WHR755 will become part of this transformational nationwide advanced wireless broadband network capable of providing a multitude of new educational, community, and cultural resources which would not otherwise be available to AIB and Atlanta. AIB is not aware of any other provider at 2.5 GHz that is planning or even contemplating such a nationwide mobile network.

As the New Clearwire application explains, this transaction will give New Clearwire approximately \$3.2 billion of capital funding which Clearwire has explained is vitally necessary to build and operate the broadband infrastructure that is needed to deploy the nationwide WiMAX broadband services. This will benefit AIB, the EBS community, and the public generally. Without this transaction, Clearwire alone would not possess sufficient financial or spectrum resources to deploy a nationwide network of this scale and scope alone.

AIB has been a 2.5 GHz Licensee for over 21 years, but until now, because of the unique history of the former ITFS spectrum, has not reaped the full benefits this spectrum can offer in

advancing AIB's mission. AIB supports Clearwire's application in saying that WiMAX will unleash the promise and benefits of the historically underutilized 2.5 GHz spectrum and by combining Clearwire and Sprint Nextel's 2.5 GHz spectrum licenses, the actual spectrum build-out capability on the 2.5 GHz spectrum held by different adjacent EBS licensees will be substantially enhanced.

AIB urges expeditious FCC approval so that the New Clearwire transaction can occur and so that Clearwire can obtain the capital funding necessary to deploy the 2.5 GHz nationwide mobile WiMAX network that will enable EBS licensees and their surrounding communities to obtain the substantial public interest and educational benefits from a nationwide mobile WiMAX network at in the 2.5 GHz band.

Respectfully submitted,

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