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Via Electronic Filing

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20554

RE: Applications of Sprint Nextel Corporation and Clearwire Corporation For Consent to Transfer Control of Licenses and Authorizations File Nos. 0003462540 and 0003368272 et al., WT Docket No. 08-94

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Dear Ms. Dortch:

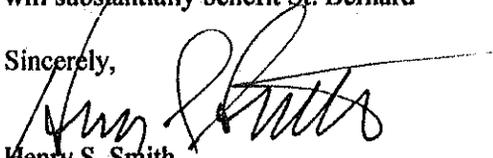
St. Bernard Parish School Board ("St. Bernard") is the licensee of EBS Station WHR912 in New Orleans, Louisiana. It is filing this letter in support of the proposed transaction between Clearwire Corporation ("Clearwire") and Sprint Nextel Corporation ("Sprint Nextel") to create New Clearwire Corporation ("New Clearwire"). St. Bernard currently leases its EBS Station WHR912 to a subsidiary of Clearwire through a grandfathered lease.

St. Bernard believes that New Clearwire's deployment of the United States first nationwide mobile WiMAX broadband network will create a unique opportunity to deliver new broadband products and services in the 2.5 GHz band that will dramatically enhance the way that our students, faculty, members and surrounding community access the Internet – combining mobility and speed, with access everywhere and anywhere that a user may go. The benefits this will create for educational and other users is particularly noteworthy as they will no longer be tied to the classroom, library or institution's administrative offices to obtain the benefits of their advanced Internet access capabilities. St. Bernard looks forward to having its EBS Station WHR912 become part of the advanced WiMAX broadband network capable of providing a multitude of new educational resources which might not otherwise have the benefit of being part of as no other provider at 2.5 is planning or even contemplating such a nationwide mobile network.

St. Bernard understands that the Transaction will provide New Clearwire with the essential capital funding necessary to build and operate the critical broadband infrastructure needed to deploy this next-generation nationwide mobile wireless platform that will benefit the educational community and for which neither Sprint Nextel or Clearwire possesses sufficient financial or spectrum resources to deploy alone.

St. Bernard believes that New Clearwire will have the capacity, scale, and money necessary to finally and fully meet the promise of the historically underutilized 2.5 GHz spectrum to the benefit of the educational, consumers, and businesses communities. As a result, St. Bernard supports expeditious FCC approval of the transaction to ensure New Clearwire's ability to get 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 and will substantially benefit St. Bernard

Sincerely,



Henry S. Smith

Supervisor, St Bernard Parish Public Schools