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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

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Clarendon Foundation ("Clarendon") holds 21 Educational Broadband Radio Service ("EBS") Station licenses located throughout the United States. It is filing this letter to express its strong support for the proposed transaction between Sprint Nextel Corporation ("Sprint Nextel") and Clearwire Corporation ("Clearwire") to create New Clearwire Corporation ("New Clearwire"). Clarendon leases its EBS spectrum to both Sprint Nextel and Clearwire, among others.

As the Commission is aware, Clarendon has been an active participant in 2.5 GHz relevant proceedings over the years, and is keenly aware of the difficulties that the industry has faced over the years in successfully deploying services using this spectrum. For this reason, Clarendon urges Commission approval of this transaction as soon as possible in order to finally bring widespread benefits of the 2.5 GHz frequency band to the EBS community and the public as soon as possible.

Clarendon believes that this will substantially benefit the EBS community in general, and Clarendon, in particular. As a result of the proposed transaction, New Clearwire will finally be able to develop and deploy a nationwide advanced wireless broadband network utilizing the 2.5 GHz spectrum leased from EBS Licensees more rapidly than otherwise possible. EBS licensees will be positioned to obtain the full operational benefits of the proposed 2.5 GHz-based advanced wireless broadband services to further their educational missions, as well as receive financial benefits from their spectrum leases.

Clarendon looks forward to having its numerous EBS licenses become part of this advanced WiMAX broadband network capable of providing a multitude of new educational resources on a standards-based platform. Clarendon might not otherwise have the benefit of having connectivity to interoperable systems, as no other wireless operator at 2.5 GHz is planning or even contemplating such a nationwide mobile network.

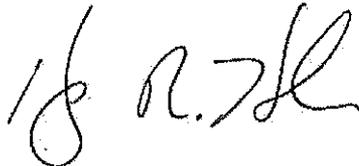
In addition, Clarendon believes that New Clearwire's deployment of the United States' first nationwide mobile WiMAX broadband network will create a unique opportunity to deliver new broadband products and services in the 2.5 GHz band that will dramatically enhance the way that students, faculty and the surrounding community access the Internet – combining interoperability, mobility and speed, with access everywhere and anywhere that a user may go. The resources that the mobile network will create for educational users are particularly noteworthy, as they will no longer be tied to the classroom, library, or institution's administrative offices to access advanced Internet access capabilities

Clarendon understands that the proposed transaction will provide New Clearwire with approximately \$3.2 billion of capital funding, funding that is necessary to build and operate the critical broadband infrastructure for this next-generation nationwide mobile wireless platform that will benefit the educational community. Clarendon also understands that neither Sprint Nextel nor Clearwire possess the financial or spectrum resources to accomplish this undertaking alone.

Finally, as a long-time Commission licensee, Clarendon is acutely familiar aware with the numerous build out challenges that arise in the 2.5 GHz band. As Clearwire and Sprint Nextel explain in their applications, by combining their 2.5 GHz spectrum resources, New Clearwire will be able to maximize spectrum build-out in each company's current EBS Licensees' GSAs. Specifically, the "Swiss cheese" geographic coverage attributable to multiple EBS Licensees in any given geographic area, each having different channel group boundaries (even among a single licensee's channels), can be minimized by substantially reducing the number of adjacent operator service area boundaries. The proposed transaction is designed to minimize the resource-intensive process of GSA boundary coordination and accommodation of that constrains/delays deployment, limits coverage, and increases costs. Elimination of service coverage gaps in an EBS Licensee service area, which would otherwise be necessary to avoid adjacent operator interference, will enhance New Clearwire's ability to maximize deployment throughout the entire EBS Licensee's licensed service area.

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. Clarendon 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. This 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.

Sincerely Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kemp R. Harshman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letter of the first name being a large, stylized 'K'.

Kemp R. Harshman
President