



July 24, 2008

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Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: DA 08-1477 and WT Docket No. 08-94 – Applications by Sprint Nextel Corporation and Clearwire Corporation for FCC Consent to Transfer Control of Licenses and Authorizations

Dear Ms. Dortch:

The National EBS Association (“NEBSA,” formerly called the National ITFS Association) provides these comments in support of the proposed transaction by which the 2.5 GHz assets and operations of Sprint Nextel Corporation and Clearwire Corporation will be merged into a new company called New Clearwire, as reflected in the applications referenced in the Commission’s Public Notice DA 08-1477, released June 24, 2008.

NEBSA, established in 1978, is a non-profit, professional organization of Educational Broadband Service (“EBS”) licensees and applicants and other entities supporting the EBS community. The goals of NEBSA are to gather and exchange information about EBS, to act as a conduit for those seeking information or assistance about EBS, and to represent the interests of EBS licensees and applicants, including EBS interests in FCC proceedings. NEBSA has been an active participant in all FCC proceedings affecting EBS, including WT Docket No. 03-66, which fundamentally restructured the 2.5 GHz band.

NEBSA believes that the proposed transaction will benefit the EBS community, as it will enhance New Clearwire’s ability to develop individual EBS licensees’ EBS channels more rapidly into a nationwide advanced wireless broadband network. This will help achieve the goal of full utilization of 2.5 GHz spectrum across the country and enable EBS licensees and other educational institutions, as well as their students, faculty and staff, to finally obtain the educational benefits made possible by 2.5 GHz-based advanced wireless broadband services, as contemplated in WT Docket No. 03-66.

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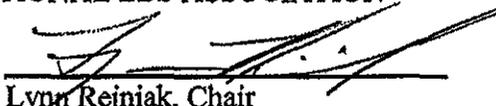
NEBSA understands that the proposed transaction will provide New Clearwire additional essential capital funding, allowing it to continue to acquire leases of EBS spectrum and to build and operate the network infrastructure. NEBSA also understands that neither Sprint Nextel nor Clearwire alone possesses sufficient financial or spectrum resources to undertake that deployment alone.

NEBSA also believes that expeditious FCC approval is essential to New Clearwire's ability to close the proposed transaction, obtain the contemplated capital funding, and begin the rapid deployment of WIMAX services. NEBSA therefore urges the Commission to review the proposed transaction and approve it at the earliest possible time.

For these reasons, NEBSA supports the proposed transaction and urges the FCC's favorable and expedited consideration of the applications, without any conditions.

Very truly yours,

NATIONAL EBS ASSOCIATION

By: 
Lynn Rejniak, Chair

cc: Todd Gray