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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 (WT Docket No. 08-94)

Dear Ms. Dortch:

The Board of Trustees of the Leland Stanford Junior University ("Stanford"), licensee of Educational Broadband Service ("EBS") stations KG G38, WNTA285, WHR814 and WHR827, has been a licensee in the 2.5 GHz band for over 30 years. Stanford is filing this letter in support of the proposed transaction between Clearwire Corporation and Sprint Nextel Corporation to create a new, independent nationwide wireless broadband company that will retain the Clearwire name ("New Clearwire").

The Stanford Center for Professional Development through the Stanford Instructional Television Network has a long history of using EBS spectrum for educational purposes. Over the years, Stanford has broadcast thousands of courses in numerous engineering and scientific subject areas to enrolled students on campus and at business sites throughout the San Francisco Bay Area. In 2007, Stanford decided to further optimize the use of its spectrum by entering into a long-term spectrum lease agreement with Clearwire Corporation. The agreement gives Stanford the flexibility to continue its educational broadcast television operations and, at the same time, take full advantage of new advanced two-way broadband services to be deployed by Clearwire in the Bay Area.

The New Clearwire will combine Clearwire's and Sprint Nextel's 2.5 GHz spectrum assets and network infrastructure to deploy the nation's first nationwide advanced mobile WiMAX broadband network. The New Clearwire will have the capacity, scale, and financial resources necessary to fully realize the potential of the 2.5 GHz band for the benefit of educators, consumers, and businesses alike. This will extend the reach, accessibility and functionality of Stanford's professional course offerings, and enhance Stanford's distant education programs.
The New Clearwire represents a unique opportunity to deliver new advanced mobile broadband services in the state of California and beyond by combining user mobility and speed with access everywhere and anywhere. This, in turn, should promote innovation and competition among broadband service providers. Accordingly, Stanford supports expeditious FCC approval of the proposed transaction.

Sincerely,

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