

CARITAS TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Diocese of San Bernardino

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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 (WT Docket No. 08-94)

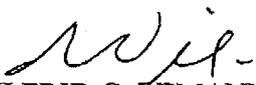
Dear Ms. Dortch:

I am writing to support approval of the proposed merger between Clearwire Corporation and Sprint Nextel Corporation to create a new, independent nationwide wireless broadband company that will retain the Clearwire name ("New Clearwire").

Caritas Telecommunications is a non-profit corporation that is part of the Diocese of San Bernardino ("Caritas"). Caritas serves the counties of Riverside and San Bernardino, covering over 25,000 square miles in Southern California. Caritas has been using Educational Broadband Service ("EBS") frequencies to provide educational and inspirational programming to schools, parishes, and the community at large for nearly 25 years. In 2007, Caritas entered into a spectrum lease agreement with a subsidiary of Clearwire Corporation that will permit Caritas to use its spectrum more efficiently by providing wireless broadband internet access and other telecommunications services to its constituents. The telecommunications facilities to be built, operated, and maintained by Clearwire are essential to the future plans of Caritas.

Approval of this transaction will benefit Caritas and EBS licensees generally by enhancing New Clearwire's ability to deploy advanced wireless broadband services using EBS spectrum. The New Clearwire will have the capacity, scale, and financial resources necessary to make the most effective use of the 2.5 GHz band for both educational and commercial purposes. This will likely stimulate innovation and promote competition among broadband carriers. Accordingly, Caritas urges the Commission to approve the New Clearwire transaction.

Very truly yours,


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