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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

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Shekinah Network (“Shekinah”) holds 33 Educational Broadband Radio Service (“EBS”) Station licenses located throughout the United States. It is filing this letter to express its strong support of the proposed transaction between Sprint Nextel Corporation (“Sprint Nextel”) and Clearwire Corporation (“Clearwire”) to create New Clearwire Corporation (“New Clearwire”). Shekinah leases its spectrum to both Sprint Nextel and Clearwire through leases and subleases. Shekinah urges Commission approval of this transaction as soon as possible for a number of reasons.

First, Shekinah believes that this transaction will substantially benefit the EBS community in general, and Shekinah, in particular, as it will finally enable the 2.5 GHz spectrum Clearwire and Sprint Nextel lease from EBS Licensees to be developed more rapidly than otherwise possible into the nationwide advanced mobile broadband network proposed in the Transaction, enabling EBS licensees to obtain the full benefits of 2.5 GHz-based advanced wireless broadband services that will further their educational missions as well as provide economic benefits from their spectrum leases. Shekinah 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 which Shekinah 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.

Second, Shekinah understands that the Transaction will provide New Clearwire with essential capital funding--\$3.2 billion—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 nor Clearwire alone possesses sufficient financial or spectrum resources to deploy.

Third, we believe 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 EBS Licensee's students, faculty 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 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

Finally, as a long-time Commission licensee, Shekinah 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 they are 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 that otherwise require resource intensive coordination and accommodation that constrains/delays deployment, limits coverage and increases costs. By eliminating service coverage gaps in an EBS Licensee service area otherwise necessary to avoid adjacent operator interference enhances 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 Shekinah 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.

Sincerely,



Charles McKee, President