

**Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20554**

In the Matter of)
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Applications of Sprint Nextel Corp. and)
Clearwire Corporation for Consent to) WT Docket No. 08-94
Transfer Control of 2.5 GHz Licenses and)
Authorizations)

**COMMENTS OF
ACADIA PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
CALCASIEU PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH SCHOOL BOARD**

Acadia Parish School Board ("Acadia"), Calcasieu Parish School Board ("Calcasieu") and Jefferson Davis Parish School Board ("Jefferson Davis") (collectively, the "School Boards") hereby support the above-captioned applications (the "Applications") filed by Clearwire Corporation ("Clearwire") and Sprint Nextel Corporation ("Sprint Nextel") for Commission consent to the transfer control of certain licenses and other authorizations to a new company to be called Clearwire Corporation ("New Clearwire").

The School Boards are responsible for K-12 public education in their respective Louisiana parishes. Acadia is the licensee of EBS stations WLX616 and WNC293, Calcasieu is the licensee of EBS station WNC750, and Jefferson Davis is the licensee of EBS stations WLX634 and WLX796. Each of the School Boards entered into a long term De Facto Transfer Lease Agreement with a subsidiary of what is now Sprint Nextel in June 2006. Historically, the School Boards' focus with respect to these facilities has been to provide in-class educational video programming and related services to various schools located throughout their respective parishes. However, since the Commission's 2004 overhaul of the EBS regulations to facilitate the distribution of two-way, high-

speed broadband services, the School Boards have looked forward to the day when their EBS facilities could be employed to support the provision of these 21st century services for the use of their students, faculty and administration.

According to the Applications, the proposed transaction will allow the parties to combine their respective 2.5 GHz licenses and lease rights, and attract the capital necessary to deploy a fourth-generation wireless broadband network across the country, using WiMAX technology. This will expedite deployment of this nationwide network, bring increased competition in the provision of broadband services, and ensure the more intensive and efficient use of the 2.5 GHz band.

The School Boards support the proposed transaction because expediting the deployment of these services will directly advance their educational mission, enabling them to incorporate state-of-the-art communications applications in the day-to-day education of their students.

Respectfully submitted,

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