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Ms. Marlene Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Application of Sprint Nextel Corporation and Clearwire Corporation for Approval and Transfer of Control, WT Docket No. 08-94

Dear Ms. Dortch:

I am writing on behalf of the League of United Latin American Citizens (“LULAC”), the oldest and largest Hispanic membership organization in the country, in support of the applications filed by Sprint Nextel Corporation (“Sprint”) and Clearwire Corporation (“Clearwire”) in WT Docket No. 08-94. LULAC believes that approval of this transaction is in the public interest and will offer greater technological access to the Latin American community and the nation as a whole.

LULAC’s mission is to advance the economic condition, educational attainment, political influence, health and civil rights of Hispanic Americans through community-based programs operating at more than 700 LULAC councils nationwide. The organization involves and serves all Hispanic nationality groups. Since 1929, LULAC has worked to improve the quality of life for Latin Americans through innovative programs making the community self-sufficient in the modern age. LULAC has opened technology centers across the nation aimed at advancing education, careers, and quality of life through access to technology. LULAC strongly believes that access to next-generation wireless broadband services is vital to the Latin American community.

The applications submitted by Sprint and Clearwire propose to consolidated their 2.5 GHz licenses and spectrum leases to deploy a nationwide mobile wireless broadband network. The merged company, called New Clearwire, will combine next-generation wireless broadband technology with the technological partnerships of Intel, Google, Comcast, Time Warner Cable, and Bright House Networks to establish one of the fastest and most capable wireless networks ever deployed. As a result, New Clearwire will “generate new forms of competition among software applications providers, content providers, device manufacturers, and resellers to create a rich broadband environment for consumers.”

LULAC believes the prompt approval of this transaction is in the public interest and urges the Commission to act swiftly to approve the merger. Under the proposed transaction New Clearwire will be owned approximately 51% by Sprint and approximately 27% by the existing shareholders of Clearwire. The technology content and communication leaders listed above will invest a collective \$3.2 billion and own 22% of the new company. These combined interests will result in a true nationwide wireless broad system that will accelerate the deployment of broadband throughout the United States and afford the country the broadband access currently enjoyed by other nations.

New Clearwire will establish an alternative broadband platform that will enhance competition for wireless broadband and other broadband services. LULAC has a strong interest in ensuring that there is strong competition and that prices are kept as low as possible for consumers. This merger will help lower consumer costs for broadband services as well as speed the deployment of new technology.

Furthermore, the applicants have stated that New Clearwire will be able to extend its network to 140 million people, or one-third of the United States, by 2010. The great speed and reach of the network will benefit many Latin American communities by offering them broadband services currently unavailable.

New Clearwire will also create the nation's first open wireless broadband network by providing wholesale access to entrepreneurs around the globe. As a result, New Clearwire will increase the number of innovative devices and applications that small businesses can produce and operate on the network.

Finally, the New Clearwire transaction will open up new broadband opportunities for small and rural businesses, including those owned by minorities. New Clearwire has stated it will make its transformational open-standard WiMAX technology commercially available in the United States. By encouraging the widespread commercial availability of innovative devices embedded with WiMAX chips, New Clearwire will enable other licensees and operators, especially smaller businesses and those in rural areas, to take advantage of a growing, innovative ecosystem of WiMAX devices and applications. More than just a technology, New Clearwire establishes a business model that even small and rural licensees and operators can rely upon to deploy services.

LULAC firmly believes that this merger will be good not only for the Latin American community but for America as a whole. As a result, LULAC strongly urges the expeditious approval of the New Clearwire transaction.

Sincerely,



Rosa Rosales
LULAC National President