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Ms. Marlene Dortch, Secretary
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
445 12th Street, ST
Washington, DC 20554

Re: In the Matter of Sprint Nextel Corporation and Clearwire Corporation Seek FCC Consent to Transfer Control of Licenses and Authorizations, WT Docket No. 08-94

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Level 3 Communications supports the application of Sprint Nextel Corporation and Clearwire Corporation to form a new wireless telecommunications company that will deploy the first nationwide, open mobile WiMax network. Level 3 urges the Commission to expeditiously approve this transaction so that the company ("New Clearwire") can begin the important work of building its network and deploying services.

By any measure, the United States lags behind other countries in broadband deployment. This transaction establishes a critical, alternative broadband platform that will compete with wireline and advanced wireless broadband networks. The competitive impact of this transaction multiplies when you consider that the investors – Sprint Nextel, Google, Intel, Comcast, Time Warner and Bright House - will each enter into non-exclusive wholesale arrangements with New Clearwire to provide their own unique services. This transaction does not create one competitor, but adds up to seven new wireless broadband competitors. With such far-ranging competition and a commitment to maintain an open network, U.S. students, consumers and businesses will be the winners.

As the deal is structured, FCC approval is required before New Clearwire receives the \$3.2 billion necessary to construct its network. Each day of delay pushes back the transformative benefits that New Clearwire will bring to the broadband marketplace. With almost 100 commentors supporting this transaction and only a handful of objections, Level 3 urges the Commission to approve this transaction as soon as possible.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James Q. Crowe".

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