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**VIA ELECTRONIC DELIVERY**

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Room TWA325  
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: Notice of *Ex Parte* Presentation  
ET Docket Nos. 04-186, 02-380**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On September 19, 2008, Trey Hanbury, Director, Government Affairs for Sprint Nextel Corporation (“Sprint Nextel”); Joseph M. Sandri, Jr., Senior Vice President of Government and Regulatory Affairs for FiberTower Corporation (“FiberTower”); Karen Reidy, Vice President, Regulatory Affairs, COMPTEL; David Fritz on behalf of the Rural Telecommunications Group, Inc. (“RTG”); and Michele C. Farquhar of Hogan & Hartson, LLP, Special Counsel to FiberTower and RTG, met with Charles Mathias of the Office of Chairman Kevin Martin.

During the meeting, the parties discussed their positions regarding the optimal utilization of the TV bands white spaces, as described in previous filings in this proceeding. Specifically, the parties noted the benefits of licensed use of this spectrum, including the exceptional propagation features of the TV white spaces (which are ideal for lower-cost backhaul over much longer distances), the promotion of build-out in rural areas, and the enhanced protection of incumbents through greater certainty and accountability, as well as the off-the-shelf availability of fixed point-to-point backhaul equipment and the speed with which this equipment could be deployed. The representatives also noted that if the Commission decides to allow some unlicensed use of the TV bands white spaces, it could adopt a “staged” deployment with immediate licensed use in some portions of the spectrum followed later by unlicensed use (once the unlicensed proponents have demonstrated that they will not cause interference to incumbent operators).

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Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, this letter is being filed via ECFS with your office.

Respectfully submitted,

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cc: Charles Mathias