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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Applications of Sprint Nextel Corporation and Clearwire Corporation for
Consent to Transfer Control of Licenses and Authorizations
Ex Parte Presentation, WT Docket No. 08-94,

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Thursday, October 2, 2008, Lawrence Krevor, Vice President, Government Affairs – Spectrum, Sprint Nextel Corporation (“Sprint Nextel”), Trey Hanbury, Director, Government Affairs, Sprint Nextel, and I met with Erika Olsen, Legal Advisor to Chairman Kevin Martin, to discuss the status of the above-captioned proceeding involving the proposed transfer of control of 2.5 GHz licenses and lease arrangements to a new wireless broadband company to be called Clearwire Corporation (“New Clearwire”). In the meeting, we described the substantial benefits of the proposed transaction and urged the Commission to act expeditiously to grant these transfer of control applications.

As Sprint Nextel and the existing Clearwire Corporation (“Clearwire”) have described in their previous filings in this proceeding, New Clearwire will receive a vital \$3.2 billion investment from five of the nation’s technology, content and communications leaders: Intel Corporation, Google Inc., Comcast Corporation, Time Warner Cable, and Bright House Networks. Utilizing these investments, New Clearwire will deploy an advanced mobile WiMAX broadband network that will cover up to 140 million people in the United States in thirty months – a rapid build out that will greatly exceed the 2.5 GHz service obligations imposed on Sprint in the Commission’s 2005 order approving the merger of Sprint Corporation and Nextel Communications, Inc. Significantly, New Clearwire will permit consumers to use any lawful device that they want as long as it is compatible with and not harmful to the WiMAX network. New Clearwire also will enable consumers to download and use any software applications, content, or services they desire, subject only to reasonable network management practices and law enforcement and public safety considerations. In addition, New Clearwire will offer non-exclusive wholesale access to its network and non-exclusive wholesaling arrangements with a number of its strategic investors that have already been announced.

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We pointed out that, standing alone, neither Sprint nor Clearwire possesses or has access to sufficient financial or spectrum resources to construct a next-generation, nationwide, open-access 2.5 GHz wireless broadband network. By aggregating their 2.5 GHz spectrum assets, infrastructure, and technical and operational expertise to form a nationwide footprint, however, Sprint Nextel and Clearwire proved capable of attracting and securing billions of dollars in critical new investment from five of the nation's high-technology leaders. Through this strategic union, New Clearwire will have the capacity, scale, and financing necessary to enter the highly capital-intensive enterprise of building a new competitive, nationwide advanced mobile wireless network and offer next-generation wireless broadband services to the American public.

Sprint Nextel's representatives explained that New Clearwire's alternative broadband platform will increase competition, will offer consumers more choices, and may spur other companies to increase investment in next-generation broadband technologies. New Clearwire's network will offer nationwide broadband services more than five times faster than today's current wireless services at speeds up to 6 Mbps in competition with wireless and wireline broadband providers. The proposed transfer of control will also stimulate innovation and enhance U.S. leadership in wireless broadband technology and deployment. Without approval of these applications, however, the critical capital funding will not be provided and the significant public interest and competitive benefits cannot be achieved. Accordingly, we urged the Commission to approve the proposed transfers of control as soon as possible.

Pursuant to section 1.1206(b)(2) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b)(2), this letter is being filed electronically for inclusion in the public record of this proceeding.

Sincerely,

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cc: Erika Olsen