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Written *Ex Parte* Communication

Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W. Room TW-A325
Washington, DC 20554

Re: *Improving Public Safety Communications in the 800 MHz Band*
WT Docket No. 02-55 and ET Docket Nos. 00-258 and 95-18

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of Sprint Nextel Corporation, Lawrence R. Krevor, Michael Degitz, Harold McCombs and I met with Geraldine Matisse, Jamison Prime, and Nicholas Oros of the Office of Engineering and Technology yesterday. We discussed the substantial progress that Sprint Nextel and the broadcast community have made in transitioning the broadcast auxiliary service (BAS) to frequencies above 2025 MHz.

We responded to staff questions about the report Sprint Nextel filed in this docket October 1, 2008 and described the challenges Sprint Nextel and the local broadcast community had to overcome to successfully conclude the transitions of Chicago, Illinois; Washington, D.C.; and Baltimore, Maryland. We discussed additional progress Sprint Nextel and the broadcast community made since October 1, 2008, including (i) the transition of the Jacksonville, Florida designated market area (DMA), (ii) broadcasters' execution of additional Frequency Relocation Agreements, and (iii) other material steps toward relocating the remaining DMAs.

We explained that, as promised, Sprint Nextel and the broadcast community met the market-entry demands of the Mobile Satellite Service (MSS) licensees by transitioning 25 DMAs that cover more than 40 million Americans; however, we noted that TerreStar and ICO have refused to reimburse Sprint Nextel for their fair share of the relocation costs Sprint Nextel has incurred to clear the MSS licensees' spectrum. We urged the Commission to once again affirm that TerreStar and ICO must pay their share of eligible BAS relocation costs for the twenty megahertz of former BAS spectrum that ICO and TerreStar occupy.

We then discussed the small number of BAS licensees that have not fully engaged the BAS transition. In Guam, for instance, the licensee of KGTF has not yet provided a complete

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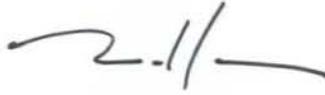
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inventory of its BAS facilities. We concluded the meeting by discussing the process Sprint Nextel may follow for KGTF and similarly situated licensees.

If you have any questions concerning this submission, please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Trey Hanbury', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Trey Hanbury, Esq.
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CC: Julius Knapp, Geraldine Matisse, Jamison Prime, Nicholas Oros