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Notice of *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; Consolidating the 800 and 900 MHz Industrial/Land Transportation and Business Pool Channels Amendment of Part 2 of the Commission's Rules to Allocate Spectrum Below 3 GHz for Mobile and Fixed Services to Support the Introduction of New Advanced Wireless Services, including Third Generation Wireless Systems; Amendment of Section 2.106 of the Commission's Rules to Allocate Spectrum at 2 GHz for use by the Mobile Satellite Service, WT Docket No. 02-55, ET Docket No. 00-258, ET Docket No. 95-18*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of Sprint Nextel Corporation, I spoke yesterday with Jamison Prime of the Office of Engineering Technology. I noted that, as shown in the April 1, 2009 BAS Progress Report, eight broadcast auxiliary service (BAS) operators out of more than 960 eligible parties have not entered into Frequency Relocation Agreements (FRAs) to retune their newsgathering operations. We discussed how encouraging these operators to expeditiously execute FRAs would enable them to take advantage of the favorable summer weather to order and install new BAS equipment prior to the difficult winter months, which would, in turn, facilitate completion of the overall BAS transition.

If any questions arise concerning this filing, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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