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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*
WT Docket No. 02-55 and ET Docket Nos. 00-258 and 95-18

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Yesterday I had telephone conversations with Geraldine Matisse of the Office of Engineering and Technology and, separately, with Paul Murray of the Office of Acting Chairman Michael Copps concerning the Broadcast Auxiliary Service (BAS) transition. I explained some of the numerous challenges beyond the ability of Sprint Nextel or the BAS incumbents to control and urged the Commission to extend the BAS transition deadline through February 7, 2010. We also discussed the importance of timely Commission affirmation of the longstanding obligation of the 2 GHz Mobile Satellite Service (MSS) operators to pay their fair share of the costs associated with clearing 20 of the 40 megahertz of 2 GHz MSS spectrum assigned to their use. Finally during my call with Ms. Matisse, I discussed the status of the last eight Frequency Relocation Agreements necessary to conclude the BAS transition. If any questions arise concerning this filing, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Trey Hanbury, Esq.
Director, Sprint Nextel Corporation

CC: Paul Murray, Geraldine Matisse