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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:

Representatives from Sprint Nextel Corporation (Sprint Nextel) met yesterday with Julius Knapp, Geraldine Matisse, Jamison Prime, Nicholas Oros, and Patrick Forster of the Office of Engineering and Technology.¹

Sprint Nextel reviewed highlights from the most recent bi-monthly progress report for the Broadcast Auxiliary Service (BAS) transition. We also urged the Commission to conclude the pending Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in this proceeding as expeditiously as possible. In this regard, we discussed the Commission's recent re-affirmation that the 2 GHz Mobile Satellite Service (MSS) operators must pay their fair share of the BAS relocation expenses. We also addressed how ICO and its affiliates seek to discharge their responsibility for the BAS relocation through bankruptcy. We noted that under ICO's proposed plan of reorganization, ICO apparently would generate no revenue until at least 2014, and we encouraged the FCC to closely monitor ICO's bankruptcy proceeding.

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

Sincerely,

Trey Hanbury, Esq.
Director, Sprint Nextel Corporation

CC: Julius Knapp, Geraldine Matisse, Jamison Prime, Nicholas Oros, Patrick Forster

¹ Lawrence Krevor, Michael Degitz, Hal McCombs, Eric Rusnak and Trey Hanbury represented Sprint Nextel.