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***Via Electronic Submission***

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W., Room TW-A325  
Washington, D.C. 20554

***Re: Ex Parte Communication***

*In the Matter of a National Broadband Plan for our Future, GN Docket 09-51;  
Special Access Rates for Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers, WC Docket 05-25;  
Petition of Rural Cellular Association for Rulemaking Regarding Exclusivity  
Arrangements Between Commercial Wireless Carriers and Handset  
Manufacturers, DA 08-2278.*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

This letter is to inform you that on September 14, 2009, Daniel Hesse, Chief Executive Officer of Sprint Nextel Corporation (“Sprint”) and the undersigned, met with Chairman Julius Genachowski, Bruce Gottlieb, Priya Aiyar, John Liebovitz, David Goldman, Daniel Ornstein, and Shomik Dutta, to discuss Sprint’s business operations and the regulatory challenges it faces.

Sprint emphasized its desire to work with the Commission toward the development of a national broadband plan and the development of robust competition for broadband services, including mobile broadband services. Sprint’s comments were consistent with its filings in the dockets identified above. Specifically, Sprint noted the important role special access services play in the deployment of affordable broadband service and the need for quick Commission action on this critical input. Sprint noted that the current

record provides the Commission ample evidence of a failed special access market, but that if the Commission believes additional data is necessary, the Commission should seek such data quickly. Sprint also noted that carriers, vendors and consumers gain benefits from some period of handset exclusivity.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, this letter is being electronically filed with your office. Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this filing.

Respectfully submitted,

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