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VIA ELECTRONIC DELIVERY

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
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Washington, DC 20554

**Re: Notice of *Ex Parte* Presentation
ET Docket Nos. 95-18, 00-258, 02-380, 04-186; GN Docket Nos. 09-51, 09-157;
GEN Docket No. 90-357; IB Docket Nos. 95-91, 05-220, 05-221;
WC Docket No. 05-25; WT Docket Nos. 02-55, 02-353, 04-356, 07-195,
07-293, 09-66; WTB Docket No. 07-121**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On December 3, 2009, Sprint Nextel Corporation (“Sprint Nextel”) representatives Lawrence Krevor, Vice President, Government Affairs; Trey Hanbury, Director, Government Affairs; Richard Engelman, Director, Spectrum Resources-Government Affairs; and Michele Farquhar of Hogan & Hartson, LLP, Counsel to Sprint Nextel, met with Charles Mathias, Senior Legal Advisor to Commissioner Meredith Baker.

During the meeting, the Sprint Nextel representatives discussed the attached one-page summary of the company’s proposals to expedite and advance wireless broadband deployment, innovation and investment in the FCC’s broadband policy proceedings, highlighting the need for the FCC to: (1) facilitate the availability of cost-effective backhaul and timely tower siting; (2) unleash spectrum for commercial mobile broadband use; (3) timely and vigorously enforce relocation and technical rules; (4) continue flexible and efficient licensing of mobile broadband spectrum; and (5) adopt a practical, functional and user-driven definition of broadband. The representatives also noted Sprint Nextel’s commitment to environmental responsibility through its industry-leading phone recycling program and the company’s recent introduction of a largely recyclable phone, the Samsung Reclaim. The representatives noted that the FCC could reduce its

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environmental impact by, for example, sending digital rather than paper copies of licenses and other correspondence to licensees.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, this letter is being filed via ECFS with your office.

Respectfully submitted,

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SPRINT NEXTEL BROADBAND POLICY PROPOSALS

GN Docket Nos. 09-51, 09-157; WT Docket No. 09-66

Key Steps to Advance Wireless Broadband Deployment, Innovation and Investment:

- ***Address Special Access Market Failures and Facilitate Middle Mile Alternatives***
 - ***Adopt Final Rules and Auction 50 MHz of Spectrum Ready for Licensing***
 - ***Timely Enforce Relocation, Cost Recovery and Technical Rules to Promote Deployment***
 - ***Promote Technologically and Competitively Neutral Flexible Use Policies***
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Facilitate the Availability of Cost-Effective Backhaul and Timely Tower Siting

- Reform the Special Access Market to Improve Rates, Terms, and Conditions
- Enable Innovative Backhaul Alternatives (TV White Spaces, Microwave Dark Spaces)
- Adopt Tower Siting “Shot-Clock” Proposal and Prohibit Exclusionary Siting Practices

Unleash Spectrum for Commercial Mobile Broadband Use

- Assign the 50 MHz in the FCC’s “Spectrum Warehouse” ASAP
- Reassign or Reallocate at Least 20 MHz of the 2 GHz MSS Spectrum
- Resolve the SDARS/WCS Proceeding to Unleash WCS Spectrum
- Allow Limited Licensing of the TV White Spaces for Fixed Point-to-Point Services
- Authorize Use of Microwave Dark Spaces
- Develop Spectrum Test Beds, including in a Portion of the V-Band
- Identify and Allocate Additional Spectrum for Commercial Mobile Licensed Use
- Consider Network Efficiencies and Urban/Rural Factors In Assessing Spectrum Needs

Timely and Vigorously Enforce Relocation and Technical Rules

- Adopt Clear Spectrum Relocation Rules and Enforce Them Quickly and Consistently
- Ensure that All Beneficiaries of the Relocation Process Pay Their Fair Share of Costs
- Maintain Active and Timely Oversight of All Parties to the Relocation Process
- Enforce Existing Technical and Interference Rules
- Strengthen OOB Limits for Unlicensed Devices

Continue Flexible and Efficient Licensing of Mobile Broadband Spectrum

- Continue and Expand Technologically and Competitively Neutral Flexible Use Policies
- Encourage More Efficient and Intensive Spectrum Use
- Avoid Authorizing Spectrum Underlays and Overlays
- Modify and Harmonize Build-out Deadlines

Adopt a Practical, Functional and User-Driven Definition of Broadband

- Adopt an Application-Based or “Basket” Approach Focused on the End-User Experience
- Encourage a Flexible, Practical Approach for Defining Mobile Broadband Services

Reform Intercarrier Compensation and Universal Service Regimes to Spur IP-Based Broadband Networks

Other

- Reduce the FCC’s Environmental Impact by Completing Transition to Digital Records and Reward Carriers that Practice Good Environmental Stewardship
- Support and Encourage Innovative Business Models