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Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
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Re: *Comment Sought On Spectrum for Broadband; NBP Public Notice # 6*, GN Docket Nos. 09-47, 09-51 and 09-137; *AWS-2*, WT Docket No. 04-356; *AWS-3*, WT Docket No. 07-195; *700 MHz Service Rules*, WT Docket No. 06-150

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On December 7, 2009, Mark A. Stachiw of MetroPCS Communications, Inc. ("MetroPCS"), along with Carl W. Northrop and Michael Lazarus of Paul, Hastings, Janofsky & Walker LLP ("Paul Hastings"), participated in a meeting with Julius Knapp, Alan Stillwell, Geraldine Matise and Ronald Repasi of the Office of Engineering and Technology regarding the above-referenced proceedings. The oral presentation in this meeting was consistent with the pleadings and *ex partes* filed on behalf of MetroPCS in the above-referenced proceedings, as further supplemented below.

MetroPCS reiterated its view that wireless carriers need to have access to additional paired wireless spectrum below 3.5 GHz. MetroPCS suggested that the Commission recommend pairing spectrum in the 1755-1780 MHz band with the 2155-2175 MHz AWS-3 Block in order to create a large block of paired spectrum for commercial uses, which could be channeled into 4 10 MHz channels, and that every effort should be made to expedite this process.

MetroPCS also advocated that the rules for the AWS-2 H and J Blocks be finalized promptly so that these two paired 10 MHz (5 MHz x 5 MHz) channels could be made available in the near-term by auction. In this regard, MetroPCS indicated, based upon its technical review and discussions with manufacturers, that the channel configuration of these blocks is workable and the ability to implement LTE on bandwidths as narrow as 1.4 MHz made such 10 MHz allocations suitable for high-speed data broadband services.

Kindly refer any questions in connection with this letter to the undersigned.

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Carl W. Northrop', written in a cursive style.

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