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Notice of Oral *Ex Parte* Communication

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

**Re: PS Docket No. 06-229; WT Docket No. 06-150**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of Sprint Nextel Corporation, Keith Cowan, President, Strategic Planning and Corporate Initiatives; Lawrence Krevor, Vice President, Government Affairs; and Trey Hanbury, Director, Government Affairs met yesterday with Rear Adm. (ret.) James Barnett, Jr., Chief, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau; Jennifer Manner, Deputy Chief, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau; and Tom Peters, Director, Wireless Engineering, Broadband Task Force.

Sprint Nextel explained its view that public safety providers will enjoy far better prices, faster innovation, better service, and more rapid and extensive 4G broadband service availability if multiple carriers are able to compete on a level playing field for the opportunity to meet public safety's broadband requirements. Sprint Nextel also reiterated its view, now jointly endorsed by T-Mobile, MetroPCS, Clearwire, Access Spectrum, and the Rural Telecommunications Group, that the FCC should: (i) encourage public-private partnerships for 4G wireless broadband on a band-neutral, technology-neutral, competitively neutral basis; and (ii) auction the D Block in a way that encourages public-private partnerships between commercial operators and public safety providers.

If any questions arise concerning this submission, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Trey Hanbury, Esq.  
Director, Sprint Nextel Corporation

cc: James Barnett, Jr.  
Jennifer Manner  
Tom Peters