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Re: WT Docket No. 02-353 (Advanced Wireless Services); GN Docket No. 09-157 (Fostering Wireless Innovation); GN Docket No. 09-51 (National Broadband Plan); WT Docket No. 09-66 (Mobile Wireless Services Competition Report); WT Docket No. 08-27 (CMRS Competition Report); WT Docket No. 07-195 (AWS-3); WT Docket No. 04-356 (AWS-2); GN Docket Nos. 09-47 and 09-137 (Spectrum for Broadband) Oral *Ex Parte* Communication

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On February 3, 2010, 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 Peter Daronco, Blaise Scinto, Brian Wondrack, Stephen Zak, Walker Johnston and Robert Weller regarding the above-referenced proceedings. The oral presentations in this meeting were consistent with the pleadings and *ex partes* filed on behalf of MetroPCS in the above-referenced proceedings, as further supplemented below.

In particular, MetroPCS discussed the following issues: (1) the critical need for additional paired spectrum to be offered in manageable spectrum block sizes and geographic areas to meet substantial unsatisfied needs; (2) the importance of finalizing the licensing rules for the AWS-2 H Block and J Block; and (3) the need for revised auction procedures to increase opportunities in the auction for a broader array of companies, including new entrants and others who have limited spectrum resources in a market. In this latter respect, MetroPCS advocated the adoption of the Broadband Incentive Discount (“BID”) program, in which auction applicants receive a sliding scale of bidding discount credits in inverse proportion to the amount of attributable spectrum the applicant holds in the territory covered by a particular license.

MetroPCS also discussed combining the current AWS-3 block with spectrum in the 1755-1780 MHz band in order to provide additional paired spectrum for commercial use.

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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