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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Room TWA325
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: Notice of *Ex Parte* Presentation
ET Docket Nos. 04-186, 02-380**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Yesterday, Trey Hanbury, Director, Government Affairs for Sprint Nextel Corporation (“Sprint Nextel”); Joseph M. Sandri, Jr., Senior Vice President of Government and Regulatory Affairs for FiberTower Corporation (“FiberTower”); and the undersigned of Hogan Lovells US LLP, Counsel to Sprint Nextel and Special Counsel to FiberTower and the Rural Telecommunications Group (“RTG”), met with John Leibovitz, David Goldman, Brett Tarnutzer, John Schauble, and Susan Singer of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (“Bureau”). Caressa D. Bennet of Bennet & Bennet, PLLC, General Counsel for RTG; David Fritz, representing RTG; and Fred B. Campbell, Jr., President & CEO of the Wireless Communications Association International (“WCAI”), also participated by telephone.

During the meeting, the representatives discussed their proposal to permit limited fixed licensed use of the vacant TV Bands White Spaces in Channels 14-20 in rural and tribal areas to provide more cost-effective backhaul options, as detailed by their prior filings in this proceeding. The representatives also discussed their own repacking analysis of the broadcast television spectrum (as illustrated by maps filed previously in their September 16, 2010 *ex parte* filing¹), including the number and location of vacant TV Bands White Spaces channels across the country that would be vacant even if broadcast stations are repacked from the higher to the lower TV Bands.

In addition, the representatives discussed the availability of Broadcast Auxiliary Service (“BAS”) antennas that are retunable across the TV Bands. Commercially available antennas, such as the directional Kathrein Paraflector, are designed for low-power transmit applications in the 470-862 MHz frequency range. These types of antennas, if deployed, would give any fixed TV Bands White Spaces operator the ability to utilize any vacant channels between Channels 14-51 without the need for an antenna change.

¹ *Ex Parte* filing by FiberTower, Sprint Nextel, RTG, and WCAI, ET Docket Nos. 04-186, 02-380 (filed Sept. 16, 2010).

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b)(2) of the Commission's rules, I am filing this notice electronically in the above-referenced dockets. Please contact me directly with any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

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