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Ms. Magalie Roman Salas  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
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Washington, DC 20554

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

RE: 2000 Biennial Regulatory Review, Spectrum Aggregation Limits for  
CMRS WT Docket No. 01-14; Spectrum for 3G Services ET Docket No.  
~~00-258~~ and Local Number Portability Implementation WT Docket No. 98-  
229, **EX PARTE**

Dear Ms. Salas:

This is to inform you that Brian Fontes, Jim Bugel and Ben Almond, all of Cingular Wireless met with Commissioner Michael Copps and Lauren Van Wazer on July 19.

The purpose of the meeting was to introduce the Commissioner to Cingular Wireless, the nation's second largest wireless company and its Washington, DC office regulatory team.

The team gave a high-level overview of Cingular's position on several key FCC proceedings involving spectrum issues and Local Number Portability implementation. The discussion points made during the meeting were those that have been previously detailed and submitted on record for the respective proceedings mentioned above.

It was mentioned that the spectrum cap impedes market consolidation of the five to nine competitors in the wireless markets. This market structure, in turn, inflates the overall amount of 3G spectrum needed by carriers to acquire and remain competitive in the United States.

There was a brief mention of the current meetings at the White House involving the Industry, National Security Council, Defense Department and others in terms of evaluating the use of the 1710-1850 MHz band for 3G services.

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Finally, it was stated that requiring wireless carriers to implement all three major processes (MIN/MDN separation for roaming, pooling and porting) on a flashcut, simultaneous basis poses service and network reliability risks for carriers.

If there are any questions concerning this matter, please contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ben G. Almond". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "B".

Ben G. Almond  
Vice President-Federal Regulatory Affairs

Cc: Commissioner Michael Copps  
Lauren Van Wazer