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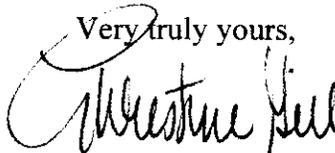
**Re: Notice of Ex Parte Meeting; Improving Public Safety Communications
in the 800 MHz Band, WT Docket 02-55**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

This is to notify you that Robert Dawson, Michael Rosenthal, Holly Henderson and Alan McIntyre of Southern LINC and Christine Gill of McDermott, Will & Emery, met today with Commissioner Michael J. Copps and Jordan Goldstein. The parties discussed the positions Southern put forth in its Comments in this proceeding: that 700 MHz is the best long-term solution for Public Safety interference; that rebanding at 800 MHz alone will not solve the interference problem, as indicated by the attached diagram; and that, if the Commission considers any 800 MHz rebanding plan, the plan must be spectrum neutral and competitively neutral.

In accordance with the Commission's rules, two copies of this *ex parte* notice are provided herewith for inclusion in the record of the above-referenced proceeding.

Very truly yours,



Christine M. Gill

Enclosure

cc: Commissioner Michael J. Copps
Jordan Goldstein

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Figure 1 - Current 800 MHz Band Configuration

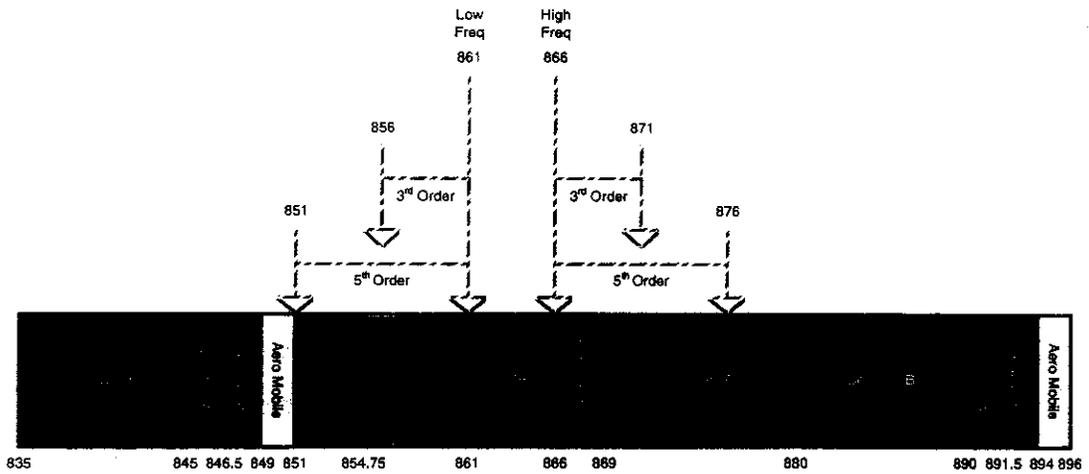


Figure 2 - 800 MHz Band After Nextel Plan

