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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: ET Docket No. 00-258
Ex Parte Presentation

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On August 7, 2002, Nextel Communications, Inc. ("Nextel") filed Reply Comments in the Commission's proceeding on "Improving Public Safety Communications in the 800 MHz Band," WT Docket No. 02-55. In its reply, Nextel addressed a recent *ex parte* proposal from the Wireless Communications Association International ("WCA"), BellSouth Corporation, Nucentrix Broadband Networks, Inc., Sprint Corporation, and WorldCom, Inc., filed in the Commission's above-captioned proceeding on spectrum allocations for 3G advanced wireless services. *See* "A Compromise Solution for Relocating MDS from 2150-2162 MHz," ET Docket No. 00-258 (July 11, 2002). Accordingly, Nextel hereby submits its Reply Comments from WT Docket No. 02-55 as a written *ex parte* presentation in the Commission's 3G proceeding.

In their July 11 filing, WCA and the MDS operators proposed that the MDS allocation at 2150-2162 MHz be moved to paired spectrum bands at 1910-1916/1990-1996 MHz. As described in the attached Reply Comments at 49-51, Nextel opposes this proposed relocation. In the public safety spectrum proceeding, Nextel and the leading national representatives of the public safety and private wireless communities have endorsed the "Private Wireless Coalition Consensus Plan" (the "Consensus Plan"), which presents a comprehensive approach for resolving CMRS – public safety interference and meeting critical public safety spectrum needs. An integral part of the Consensus Plan calls for the Commission to redesignate the 1910-1915/1990-1995 MHz bands to Nextel in exchange for 700 MHz, 800 MHz, and 900 MHz spectrum that Nextel would return to the Commission for reassignment to public safety and private wireless systems. The 1910-1915/1990-1995 MHz bands are well suited to be replacement spectrum for Nextel, which would require no service rule changes to operate in these bands. MDS, in contrast, would require significant rule changes that would essentially change MDS Channels 1 and 2 from fixed to mobile services. In addition, with NTIA's recent recommendation that only 45 MHz of spectrum in the 2.1 GHz band be reallocated to 3G, several new relocation options have opened up for MDS operators, who will now likely require only the shift of MDS Channel 1 from 2150-2156 MHz.

Pursuant to section 1.1206(b)(2) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b)(2), this letter and the attached Reply Comments are being filed electronically for inclusion in the public record of the above-referenced proceeding.

Sincerely,

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