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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: *Ex Parte* Submission; Improving Public Safety Communications in the 800 MHz Band, WT Docket No. 02-55

Dear Ms. Dortch:

We represent Entergy Corporation and Entergy Services, Inc. in connection with the above-referenced rulemaking docket. On May 29, 2003, the 800 MHz User Coalition filed the Balanced Approach, a plan for resolving interference in the 800 MHz band. The 800 MHz User Coalition is a diverse group comprised of the United Telecom Council ("UTC"), the Cellular Telecommunications & Internet Association ("CTIA"), the Edison Electric Institute ("EEI"), numerous utilities, various CMRS licensees, city governments, and other entities. By this letter, Entergy Corporation and Entergy Services also join the 800 MHz User Coalition and, thus, set forth their support for the Balanced Approach.

Entergy Corporation is one of the largest electric utility holding companies in the country. Its operating companies include Entergy Arkansas, Entergy Mississippi, Entergy Louisiana, Entergy New Orleans, and Entergy Gulf State Utilities, which together cover approximately 130,000 square miles and serve approximately 3 million customers. As an integral part of its provision of safe, efficient, and reliable electric service, it operates an extensive 800 MHz private land mobile system. Accordingly, Entergy Corporation and Entergy Services, its subsidiary, have a significant interest in this rulemaking and have been active participants.

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The Balanced Approach represents a measured, sound, and effective means of resolving interference in the 800 MHz band. In particular, it is a far better alternative than Nextel's so-called "Consensus Plan" because it provides immediate resolution of interference and proactive steps to reduce interference over the long term without the extraordinary expense and disruption engendered by the Consensus Plan's nationwide band realignment.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Shirley S. Fujimoto

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