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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington DC 20554

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Re: WT Docket No. 02-55 (Ex Parte)

Dear Secretary Dortch:

Please accept this correspondence as notice by the City of Nederland, Texas, (City) that it is opposed to the proposed "Consensus Plan" submitted by Nextel to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). Based upon information obtained by the City, it appears that this proposal could potentially jeopardize the communications systems operated by public safety agencies.

The City currently utilizes an 800 MHz communications system which is used by the Police Department, the Fire Department, and the Public Works Department. Each of these departments is obviously involved in providing essential services to the citizens of Nederland. Any modification that would negatively impact the ability of City personnel to communicate would have a detrimental impact on municipal operations. The City is certainly not supportive of any change to its current communications system that would affect emergency management and Homeland Security responsibilities.

The City is also concerned that the Consensus Plan does not include a sufficient amount of funding to offset all costs associated with its implementation. The City has already invested a significant amount of money to provide a reliable means of communication for its personnel and is not in a position to incur any additional costs.

Due to the importance of the City's communications system and the potential problems created by the Nextel proposal, the City is opposed to the Consensus Plan as submitted to the FCC.

Sincerely,

CITY OF NEDERLAND

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