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September 25, 2003

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

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

Dear Ms. Dortch:

This is to notify you that on September 24, 2003, Michael Rosenthal, John Logan, and Alan McIntyre of Southern Communications Services, Inc., d/b/a/ Southern LINC, and Jeffrey Sheldon of McDermott, Will & Emery, counsel to Southern, met with Sheryl Wilkerson, of Chairman Powell's office, to discuss Southern's position on the issues in the above-referenced proceeding. Specifically, Southern reiterated the positions advanced in its earlier-filed comments and reply comments in this docket by expressing its continuing support for the "Balanced Approach" as the most effective method for resolving interference with the least cost and disruption to existing users of the 800 MHz band. Southern noted that realignment of the 800 MHz band as proposed by Nextel would create regulatory and competitive disparities unless Southern were assured, at a minimum, of receiving contiguous spectrum as described in Southern's "Supplemental Comments," filed February 10, 2003. Finally, using recent information filed by the City and County of Denver, Southern noted that rebanding of the 800 MHz band will not eliminate the potential for intermodulation interference to Denver's Public Safety channels in the "interleaved" portion of the band at 854-861 MHz. Southern indicated it would file additional written information on this in the very near future.

In accordance with the Commission's rules, one copy of this *ex parte* notice is being filed electronically for inclusion in the record of the above-referenced proceeding.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Jeffrey L. Sheldon

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cc: Sheryl Wilkerson