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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
12th Street Lobby, TW-A325  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: *Ex Parte* Presentation  
WT Docket No. 02-55**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On November 10, 2003, representatives of the City of Baltimore, Maryland, Cellular Telecommunications & Internet Association (CTIA), United Telecom Council (UTC), Cingular Wireless, and utility company members of the 800 MHz User Coalition met with Commissioner Abernathy, and Jennifer Manner, Senior Counsel, concerning the above-referenced docket. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the merits of the 800 MHz User Group Coalition proposal filed with the FCC on May 29, 2003.

The User Coalition members noted the funding weaknesses of the so-called "Consensus Plan" filed by Nextel Communications, some public safety associations and private wireless groups, as well as some of the legal infirmities of the plan. The Coalition parties also urged that the FCC not mandate a band plan for the 800 MHz band that would restrict the ability of licensees of all types to deploy advanced technology: in many states, this band is being used to develop multi-agency interoperable systems, some of which are a mix of high-site and low-site installations. The parties also stressed that the Coalition plan is proactive, in that it not only guarantees elimination of current interference at the cost of the interfering party, but would prevent future interference through rules requiring better system engineering as well as notification and coordination procedures.

The attached handout summarizing the differences between the Nextel and 800 MHz User Coalition plans was provided at the meeting.



Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's Rules, this letter is being electronically filed with your office. If you have any questions concerning this submission, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

*Diane Cornell*

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cc: Commissioner Kathleen Abernathy  
Jennifer Manner

