

PRIVATE ENTITIES

September 23, 2002

The Honorable Michael K. Powell
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW, Room 8-B201
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: Improving Public Safety Communication in the 800 MHz Band and Consolidating
the 900 MHz Industrial/Land Transportation and Business Pool Channels
WT Docket No. 02-55 (DA 02-2202)**

Comments of the Federal Express Corporation (FedEx)

Dear Chairman Powell:

On November 21, 2001, Nextel submitted to the Commission a White Paper, which sought to reorganize the 700 MHz, the 800 MHz, and the 900 MHz bands for the purpose of promoting public safety communications.¹ On March 12, 2002, the Commission acted on Nextel's White Paper by releasing its *Notice of Proposed Rule Making*, making clear the Commission's goal to mitigate interference to public safety entities in the 800 MHz band.² We fully support the Commission's goal and realize its importance, especially in light of the tragic events of September 11th. Since the release of the NPRM, the entities that will be affected by any changes in the 800 MHz band have come together and crafted a Consensus Plan.³ It is apparent a change in this band is needed, as seen by the record demonstrating the interference reality suffered by

¹ See, "Promoting Public Safety Communications: Realigning the 800 MHz Land Mobile Radio Band to Rectify Commercial Mobile Radio – Public Safety Interference and Allocate Additional Spectrum To Meet Critical Public Safety Needs," filed by Nextel Communications, Inc, on November 21, 2001 (White Paper).

² See, *Improving Public Safety Communications in the 800 MHz Band and Consolidating the 900 MHz Industrial/Land Transportation and Business Pool Channels*. Notice of Proposed Rule Making, WT Docket No. 02-55 (rel. Mar. 15, 2002) (NPRM).

³ See *Improving Public Safety Communications in the 800 MHz Band and Consolidating the 900 MHz Industrial/Land Transportation and Business Pool Channels*; Reply Comments of Aeronautical Radio, Inc. (ARINC); The American Mobile Telecommunications Association (AMTA); The American Petroleum Institute (API); The Association of American Railroads (AAR); The Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials-International, Inc. (APCO); The Forest Industries Telecommunications (FIT); The Industrial Telecommunications Association, Inc. (ITA); The International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP); The International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) and International Municipal Signal Association (IMSA); The Major Cities Chiefs Association (MCC); The Major County Sheriffs' Association (MCSA); The National Sheriffs' Association (NSA); Nextel Communications, Inc.; The Personal Communications Industry Association (PCIA); The Taxicab, Limousine and Paratransit Association (TLPA) filed on August 7, 2002, WT Docket No. 02-55; See also, letter to Chairman Powell from the National Sand, Stone and Gravel Association (NSSGA) and ITA, filed on August 15, 2002, officially adding NSSGA to the list of signatories (Joint Commenters).

public safety and B/ILT operators. Now is the opportune time for the Commission to support the industry-wide consensus.

At FedEx our reliance on private wireless communications is an integral and vital component of our business operations and to the safety of our employees. FedEx has made substantial investments in communications equipment and licenses in the 800 MHz band. Due to our reliance on the ability to communicate effectively and the investments in those communications, any final result of this issue will have a serious impact on our company. This potential impact has required us to follow this issue closely.

FedEx believes the most practical and equitable solution lies in the Consensus Plan, submitted by the public safety community, the Private Wireless Coalition, and Nextel. Having read all of the proposals before the Commission, we believe the Consensus Plan is the best solution to the public safety interference problem. We understand the Consensus solution will cost FedEx some time and money to retune its licenses in the 806-809/851-854 MHz range. This solution offered, however, is the least disruptive option to the private wireless licensees in the 800 MHz band.

FedEx agrees with the authors of the Consensus Plan in that it achieves the Commission's goal of mitigating interference to public safety entities, while also causing the least amount of disruptions to those who will be affected by changes in the 800 MHz band. We realize that any changes to the status quo will be disruptive to those involved, but the Consensus Plan offers all affected licensees the most viable alternative.

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To: The Commission

COMMENTS

Aeronautical Radio, Inc. ("ARINC"), United Airlines ("United"), and Northwest Airlines ("Northwest") (jointly the "Airlines") hereby respectfully submit their Comments in response to the Supplemental Comments filed by the Consensus Parties in the above-captioned proceeding.¹

ARINC, United and Northwest are licensees of private radio systems in the 800 MHz and/or 900 MHz band. Collectively, these three entities are the licensees of more than a hundred of frequencies on a nationwide basis. As noted in previous filings submitted by the Airlines, the ground radio systems operating pursuant to these authorizations are vital to the airline industry, and vital to security at airports throughout the country.

Both ARINC and Northwest have experienced interference to their 800 MHz operations. Therefore, ARINC and Northwest are well familiar with the problems being experienced, as well as the burden of the task which they face under the Consensus Proposal in rebanding.

¹Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Seeks Comments On "Supplemental Comments of the Consensus Parties" Filed in the 800 MHz Public Safety Interference Proceeding, WT Docket No. 02-55, DA No. 03-19 (WTB Jan. 3, 2003); Order Extending Time For Filing Of Comments, WT Docket No. 02-55, DA 03-163 (PSPWD Jan. 16, 2003).

The Airlines have decided to submit separate Comments in this proceeding as the result of misinformation conveyed in the January 10, 2003 Comments of Small Business in Telecommunications ("SBT"). Specifically, SBT stated that the Consensus Proposal is "missing support" from the airline industry.²

To the contrary, ARINC is one the signatory parties to the Consensus Proposal (and in fact ARINC is the first participant listed). ARINC is one of the primary drafters of the Consensus Proposal, and in fact met with counsel to SBT as part of Private Wireless Coalition meetings. In fact, many of the concepts introduced in the Consensus Proposal were developed by ARINC. Most of the major United States airlines are owners of ARINC, and all airlines were briefed on ARINC positions at quarterly ARINC meetings. The Consensus Proposal enjoys the full support of ARINC (one of the most impacted 800 MHz licensees) and ARINC urges the adoption of the Proposal.

For its part, United's 800 MHz operations in Denver, Colorado, and 900 MHz operations at Dulles International Airport in Virginia and at Los Angeles International Airport are deeply impacted in this proceeding. United fully supports the efforts of the PWC on its behalf, as well as ARINC's efforts.

Finally, Northwest's 800 MHz operations in Detroit, Michigan and Minneapolis, Minnesota will also be impacted by the Commission's actions in this proceeding. Most importantly, Northwest's operations in Detroit utilize so-called "Border Area Frequencies". Therefore, Northwest has closely watched the development of the Consensus Proposal on this issue. Northwest's Paul Anderson serves as Chairman of the Board of ITA, and as such Northwest has

²SBT Comments at 2.

been significantly involved in the development of ITA's positions in this proceeding. ITA enjoys Northwest's full support, and Northwest will continue to work with ITA and ARINC to reach a successful resolution in this proceeding.

WHEREFORE, the premises considered, it is respectfully requested that the Commission act in accordance with the views expressed herein.

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SUMMARY

JPJ Electronic Communications, Inc., Racom Corporation, Intel Corporation, New York Communications Company, North Sight Communications, Inc., KLL Wireless, Inc., G & P Communications, SR Communications Associates, CNY, Inc., Communications and Industrial Electronic Corporation, Wecom, Inc., Ragan Communications, Inc., William J. Young, Ka-Comm, Inc., WS Electronics, Inc., Western Communications, Inc., Commtronics Of Virginia, Inc., Motient Communications, Inc., Smartlink Communications, Pete's Communications, Inc., Skyline Communications, Inc. and Bell Interconnect, Inc. (the "Joint Commenters") hereby respectfully submit their Comments in response to the Supplemental Comments filed by the Consensus Parties in the above-captioned proceeding.

In this proceeding, the Joint Commenters have filed Comments supporting the work of the Private Wireless Coalition ("PWC"), which consists of trade associations which include the Joint Commenters in their membership. Most significantly, on September 23, 2002, the Joint Commenters submitted Comments supporting the Consensus Proposal filed by the PWC, in conjunction with Nextel and the Public Safety community.

The Joint Commenters feel confident that the Consensus Plan is fair, reasonable and appropriate. The Consensus Plan truly represent the "best efforts" of all involved, and each should be commended for their efforts. To date, no other participant in this proceeding has produced any other proposal which does not require legislation, resolves interference, creates a measurable protection standard, provides a funding mechanism without legislation, and is fair to all parties.

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JPJ Electronic Communications, Inc. ("JPJ"), Racom Corporation ("Racom"),¹ Intel Corporation ("Intel"), New York Communications Company ("NYCOMCO"), North Sight

¹Racom has not previously participated in this proceeding, as Racom was involved in complex negotiations with Nextel regarding the relocation of Racom's Upper 200 Channels. Having reached an agreement with Nextel regarding these channels, Racom is now well positioned to add its expertise in the relocation process to the record in this proceeding. Racom operates over 80 ESMR sites throughout Iowa, Nebraska, South Dakota, and parts of Minnesota, Wisconsin and Illinois. Racom serves approximately 10,000 users with over 60% being actual public safety agencies. Another 25% are utility operators, with the remaining users being transportation/industrial units.

All of the Racom sites are connected together with T1 circuits, providing wide area coverage and complete interoperability between all 10,000 users. The network is designed and built to exacting Public Safety standards and offers 8 levels of priority usage. Over 25 million transactions are handled each month with over 6 million of those being mobile data. Several public safety agencies who have their own licensed 800 MHz channels and site equipment are seamlessly interconnected into the Racom Network. These agencies utilize their own channels, first and exclusively, and "roll-over" to Racom's ESMR channels automatically as the instant critical need arises. Racom acts like a Multi-State interoperable network that encompasses the whole range of First-Responders in any emergency; including many Federal Agencies also brought together within this system. Thus, any action considered by the Commission must also consider the impact on these public safety users, which have an equal right to public safety system licensees to an interference-free operating environment.

Communications, Inc. ("North Sight"), KLL Wireless, Inc. ("KLL"), G & P Communications ("G & P"), SR Communications Associates ("SRCA"), CNY, Inc. ("CNY"), Communications and Industrial Electronic Corporation ("CIEC"), Wecom, Inc. ("Wecom"), Ragan Communications, Inc. ("Ragan"), William J. Young ("Young"), Ka-Comm, Inc. ("Ka-Comm"), WS Electronics, Inc. ("WS"), Western Communications, Inc. ("Western"), Commtronics Of Virginia, Inc. ("Commtronics"), Motient Communications, Inc. ("Motient"), Smartlink Communications ("Smartlink"), Pete's Communications, Inc. ("Pete's"), Skyline Communications, Inc. ("Skyline") and Bell Interconnect, Inc. ("Bell")(the "Joint Commenters") hereby respectfully submit their Comments in response to the Supplemental Comments filed by the Consensus Parties in the above-captioned proceeding.²

I. BACKGROUND

Each of the Joint Commenters is a licensee or service provider in the 800 MHz band (and in some cases 900 MHz). The group represents a cross-section of commercial and private radio interests impacted in this proceeding. The Joint Commenters include internal user licensees (Intel), SMR operators who have been relocated pursuant to the Commission's "Upper 200" SMR channel proceeding (Racom, JPI, KLL, G & P, Ragan, Young, SRCA, CNY, Wecom, Skyline, WS, and NYCOMCO), Economic Area Licensees in the "Lower 80" SMR channels (Western, Ragan, SRCA,

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Motient and WS), EA Licensees in the Upper 200 SMR frequencies (North Sight), EA Licensees in the General Category SMR Channels (Motient, Western), and incumbent SMR operators and system managers throughout the band (Commtronics, Ragan, Motient, Racom, WS, Smartlink, CIEC, Pete's, Bell, Wecom, Young, Western, IE, JPJ and NYCOMCO). The group includes both urban (Intel, Motient, NYCOMCO, Smartlink, Bell) and rural (JPJ, Western, Richardson, Racom, etc.) operations. Most importantly, the group include licensees who have experienced interference from Nextel and/or cellular companies. Thus, the Joint Commenters represent the entire panoply of 800 MHz non-public safety licensees who are impacted in this proceeding.

In this proceeding, the Joint Commenters have filed Comments supporting the work of the Private Wireless Coalition ("PWC"), which consists of trade associations which include the Joint Commenters in their membership. Most significantly, on September 23, 2002, the Joint Commenters submitted Comments supporting the Consensus Proposal filed by the PWC, in conjunction with Nextel and the Public Safety community.

II. COMMENTS

4. Reaching A Consensus Position

As the Commission is aware, in May of 2002 the Joint Commenters filed the most exhaustive examination of interference in the 800 MHz band. The Joint Commenters made it clear that Commission precedent demonstrated that the parties causing interference (primarily CMRS operators) were responsible for curing that problem.

The problem, however, is that the Commission has heretofore not defined what is "harmful interference" in the band (other than co-channel interference). There are no Part 90 Commission

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Re: In the Matter of Improving Public Safety Communications in the 800 MHz Band
WT Docket No. 02-55
Ex Parte Presentation

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Lucent Technologies (Lucent), a global developer and manufacturer of wireless network equipment, has followed the discussion in the Commission's Docket 02-55 – "Improving Public Safety Communications in the 800 MHz Band." Although Lucent did not previously file in the Commission's formal comment and reply cycles in this proceeding, Lucent is keenly interested in the allocation of Commercial Mobile Radio Service (CMRS) spectrum in the U.S. and wishes to add the following input to the record. Lucent's comments are limited to technical considerations concerning interference mitigation and do not address any cost issues associated with this matter.

Causes of CMRS-Public Safety Interference

Lucent concurs with the several commenters who suggest that an inherent cause of interference into 800 MHz public safety systems is the disparate system designs used by public safety networks and CMRS systems, including Specialized Mobile Radio (SMR), and the close spectral proximity in which public safety and CMRS/SMR systems operate. As explained in many of the filed comments, public safety operates noise limited systems which use a high site design with one or few cell sites. CMRS/SMR operates interference limited systems based upon low site designs with a cellular architecture. The possibility that a public safety receiver must operate in a weak public safety signal area, while in the shadow of a CMRS base station and its associated strong signal, provides the scenario for interference into public safety systems.

Lucent further agrees that this scenario is likely to negatively impact the receipt of the desired public safety signal through the presence of intermodulation ("IM") products generated within the public safety receiver. Multiple carrier frequencies from CMRS/SMR transmitters, spectrally close to public safety systems, can mix to generate interfering signals (IM products) that are within the victim system's band and, therefore, unable to be attenuated through the use of filters.

Realignment of the Two Disparate Technologies is the Best Method to Resolve CMRS-Public Safety Interference

Rebanding that would allocate a contiguous block of spectrum for public safety systems, either within the 800 MHz band or outside the band (e.g., 700 MHz), will significantly mitigate interference from cellularized operations into non-cellular public safety systems. The Consensus Plan, for example, which would allocate the 806-816/851-861 MHz band to public safety and private wireless, and the 816-824/861-869 MHz band to cellularized SMR, will consolidate SMR base station transmit operations above 861 MHz and relocate public safety mobile receive bands below 861 MHz. This spectral separation, together with the proposed 2x2 MHz guard band between public safety and SMR, will dramatically reduce IM products in the public safety bands below 861 MHz.

In addition, to the extent that out-of-band emissions (OOBE) may be another source of interference into public safety systems, a realignment that provides spectral separation between CMRS/SMR and public safety systems will enable the effective and practical filtering of CMRS/SMR base station transmissions not possible under the current interleaved band plan. Thus, realignment of the 800 MHz band should significantly resolve the CMRS/SMR-public safety interference problem.

Moreover, the realignment of this band is consistent with the recommendations of the Commission's Spectrum Policy Task Force (SPTF), which recognized, in its report, that a common element that the Commission should incorporate into its spectrum policy is the grouping of technically compatible systems in close spectral proximity. An obvious corollary to this recommendation is that disparate systems (such as high site noise limited systems and low site interference limited cellular systems) should be spectrally separated.

Finally, a significant advantage of 800 MHz realignment is that it imposes a nationwide solution, which would provide relief from potential interference at all impacted locations, and minimize the need for reactive, site-by-site mitigation procedures.

Motorola's Proposed Technical Solutions Are a Supplement to Realignment, Not a Substitute

Lucent recognizes the efforts of Motorola, which describe, in a recent *ex parte* correspondence, the development of improvements to public safety receivers that will help mitigate potential interference. Lucent suggests, however, that the future availability of such improvements (switchable attenuators, tunable filters) should not preclude and cannot substitute for the

realignment of the 800 MHz band. As previously noted, there can be no doubt that the current 800 MHz allocations for public safety, B/ILT, and SMR are flawed, and that realignment to eliminate the interleaved assignments and to spectrally separate public safety from CMRS/SMR systems that employ cellular architectures would significantly mitigate the potential for public safety interference. Indeed, Motorola, in its correspondence, notes that

“...Nextel, working with associations that represent public safety and private radio interests, has developed a plan (“consensus plan”) which would significantly reduce the interference in the 800 MHz band by consolidating public safety use and eliminating the interleaving of CMRS channels with public safety.”¹

Realignment should make it possible for public safety handset manufacturers to design receiver front ends that are simpler and more effective, and offer greater resistance to the effects of interference. The additional improvements in public safety receiver technology described by Motorola – if implemented and used together *with rebanding* – should provide further protection.

Conclusion

In summary, Lucent believes that the Commission should consider realignment of the 800 MHz band as the primary remedy to the problem of interference into public safety systems, regardless of any potential improvements in public safety receivers that promise to reduce the impact of interference. Lucent’s conclusion is based on technical considerations concerning interference mitigation and does not address any cost issue associated with this matter.

Comments filed in this proceeding suggest the relocation of existing 800 MHz public safety spectrum to contiguous frequencies in either the 800 MHz or 700 MHz bands. As the Commission is well aware, the 700 MHz band is encumbered with UHF-TV channels and its availability in the near term (i.e., prior to 2006 or beyond) is problematic.

It would appear therefore that the mitigation of 800 MHz interference into public safety systems could be realized sooner if public safety systems are relocated within the 800 MHz band, consistent with the Consensus Plan.

Sincerely,

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¹ Motorola, at 2, May 6, 2003.

March 4, 2003

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Re: Improving Public Safety Communication in the 800 MHz Band and Consolidating
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Dear Chairman Powell:

On August 7, 2002, the Private Wireless Coalition, the public safety community and Nextel filed what has become known as the Consensus Plan to mitigate interference in the 800 MHz band. The Plan was developed further in a Supplemental filing on December 24, 2002, which provided, among other things, an assurance, along with \$150 million from Nextel, that the costs of any necessary retuning by private wireless licensees would be reimbursed, if not provided up front.

All of the signatories below rely on private wireless communications as an integral and vital component of daily business operations and more importantly, for the safety of employees and the public at-large. Moreover, all of the signatories below have made substantial investments in communications equipment and licenses in the 800 MHz band. Based on the need to communicate effectively and the investments in these systems, any final result of this issue will have a serious impact on the signatories below.

We believe the most practical and equitable solution lies in the Consensus Plan. The solution offered by the Consensus Parties is the least disruptive option to the private wireless community, and permits all 800 MHz licensees to remain in this vital band. The minimal costs associated with the retuning are still outweighed by the desired goal of this proceeding – to mitigate the interference experienced by non-cellular licensees at 800 MHz. Unfortunately, no other plan achieves this goal with pro-active solutions designed to protect licensees from future interference or without wholesale legislative changes.

As such, the signatories below support the Consensus Plan in that it achieves the Commission's goal of mitigating interference to non-cellular licensees, while also causing the least amount of disruptions to those who will be affected by changes in the 800 MHz band.

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Dear Ms. Dortch:

PPG Industries, Inc. (PPG) would like to express its support for the "Consensus Plan" filed by public safety organizations, private wireless organizations and Nextel, in the above-referenced proceeding regarding interference to 800 MHz public safety systems.

PPG's Lake Charles, Louisiana facility experiences interference/intermod problems on Channel 4, which is 857.86250 MHz. Also, a formal complaint was filed in September 2002.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully submitted,

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November 24, 2003

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Re: WT Docket No. 02-55

Dear Chairman Powell:

I serve as Vice President for Government Affairs for Province Health Care. Province is a publicly traded hospital management company and is listed on the NYSE as PRV.

Each of our 58 hospitals either owns and operates emergency services vehicles or serves as a home base for other EMS providers. Most of our hospitals are in rural areas and are the only acute care provider available. Obviously, clear and uninterrupted communications with our EMS units is vital for the safety of our patients.

First responders across the United States have had increasing problems because their public safety radio communications are vulnerable to interference from cellular phones. As cellular usage increases, the risk of garbled or blocked police, fire, and other public safety communications increases.

We understand that the Federal Communications Commission has before it a "Consensus Plan" that would address cellular/public safety radio interference problems and provide more of the spectrum that first responders urgently need for radio communications. We understand that the Consensus Plan is supported by the Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials – International, Inc., as well as the International Association of Fire Chiefs, Inc., the International Municipal Signal Association, the International

Association of Chiefs of Police, the Major Cities Chiefs Association, the Major Counties Sheriffs Association, and the National Sheriffs Association.

I believe it is vital that lines of communications between our hospitals and EMS, fire, and police agencies be clear of interference. We urge you to strongly consider the Consensus Plan as a long-term answer for this problem.

Please feel free to contact me at 615.376.7268 if you have any questions or desire further information.

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Dear Mr. Chairman:

I am writing with respect to public safety communications. In particular, I wish to comment upon the Commission's public interest responsibility in assuring public safety entities that they possess the spectrum resources requisite for performing their important duties for communities around the country.

As you well know, the Congress has acted in a number of instances in recent years to address the telecommunications needs of public safety entities. Congress enacted in 1997, budget-related provisions directing the Commission to set aside certain spectrum for future law enforcement use; in 1999, Congress enacted P.L. 106-81, which established 911 as the ubiquitous emergency number nationally and promoted the development in the States of enhanced 911 capabilities and related functions; and most recently, both House and Senate this session have passed grant program authorizations to assist public safety answering points in handling wireless calls. Hopefully this last measure will see quick legislative action in the upcoming session.

Without question, it is incumbent upon Congress to do even more to assist public safety entities, especially in the area of basic funding assistance for the communications infrastructure and interoperability requirements of public safety entities. Yet while Congress still has important work to do in this area, the Commission has the ability to assist public safety in a critical important area, namely the short and long-term spectrum needs of public safety entities.

During the August recess, I hosted a meeting in my congressional district which was attended by dozens of police and fire chiefs for local and regional authorities, FEMA and state law enforcement entities. At this meeting it quickly became clear that interference mitigation, interoperability, and the long-term emergency communications requirements of these jurisdictions were key concerns. As Terence Reardon, Chief of the Revere, Massachusetts, Police Department mentioned in a letter recently, one key problem is that "the technologies used by public safety and commercial wireless entities are mismatched with one another when they are located on channels close to each other.

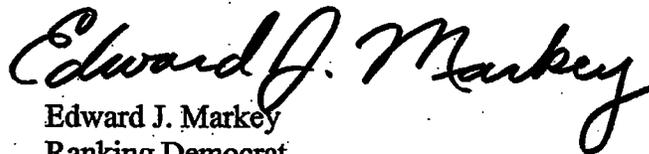
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The result: hazardous and risky interference, which causes distorted and jumbled communications and prevents our public safety officials from doing their job.”

I understand the Commission is currently considering proposals to resolve some of these issues, including the so-called “Consensus Plan.” I have been contacted in support of this plan by the North Eastern Massachusetts Law Enforcement Council, the Metropolitan Law Enforcement Council, and the Greater Boston Police Council, in addition to many individual local chiefs of police and fire departments in eastern Massachusetts. Collectively these entities represent over 400 law enforcement jurisdictions and thousands of uniformed first responders.

The Consensus Plan is a laudable, pro-active attempt to address key issues affecting public safety entities. I encourage the Commission to utilize the policy blueprint offered by the Plan as a basis to resolve outstanding issues in a timely manner. Thank you in advance for your time and attention to these important public safety spectrum issues, which I know you agree go to the heart of the Commission’s mission.

Sincerely,



Edward J. Markey
Ranking Democrat
House Subcommittee on
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WILLIAM H. FRIST
MAJORITY LEADER



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November 20, 2003

The Honorable Michael Powell
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Dear Chairman Powell:

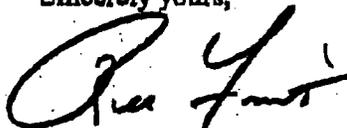
I've been hearing from a number of public safety leaders in my state and around the country- local police officers, firefighters, emergency response personnel and other first responders- about the alarming issue of public safety communications interference. The fact that public safety officials are concerned about their own safety and that of the people they protect makes me *extremely* concerned.

As a first responder in the medical field, I can attest to the importance of reliable communications. Reliable systems means saving time and subsequently saving lives. When these systems are compromised, our ability to provide a safe, quick response to the public is severely affected. In this new era of increased homeland security, the need to equip our first responders with rapid and reliable communications is a top priority.

I have been informed that the FCC is exploring ways to remedy this troubling situation. Having heard from a number of public safety organizations on the varying proposals, I would like to express my support for the public safety proposal, the "consensus plan," which provides a long-term solution that would allow first-responders to communicate virtually interference-free.

As time passes, the risks from this problem continue to grow. This is a critical issue for my constituents and our nation- I urge you to act expeditiously by putting the safety and effectiveness of public safety officials first.

Sincerely yours,



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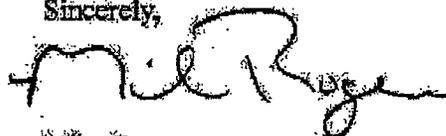
On behalf of citizens in Michigan's Eighth Congressional District, I write to alert you to an issue of growing importance to our public safety providers and emergency "first responders." It is becoming increasingly clear in conversations with my constituents that public safety organizations - fire, medical, police and other emergency groups, have insufficient radio spectrum to meet their critical needs.

As you know, the primary problem is that public safety and commercial radio frequencies are intermingled and adjacent to one another. This blending of communications networks is leading to dangerous interference that risks the lives of public safety personnel and the citizens they protect. I have heard from public safety leaders in Michigan about this, and it is their view that this interference problem will continue to grow over time.

As explained to me, the fundamental cause of interference is the close proximity of public safety and commercial wireless operations within the 800 MHz spectrum band. The Commission should consider a comprehensive approach to rebanding that solves the problem on a national basis. Leaders in the public safety community believe that you can achieve this goal by enacting a plan that will provide additional spectrum to public safety - at no cost to the public safety organizations and local governments that are now struggling with limited resources.

This is a critical issue for our nation and I urge you to act expeditiously. In this era of increased homeland security, the need to equip our first responders with rapid and reliable communications must be a top priority. As a former member of the law enforcement community, myself, I know that reliable communications can make the difference in a life or death situation.

Sincerely,



Mike Rogers
Member of Congress

Congress of the United States

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November 18, 2003

The Honorable Michael Powell
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
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Washington, DC 20554

Dear Commissioner Powell:

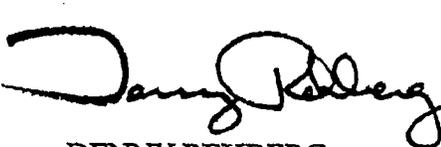
Public safety leaders in Montana and around the country have contacted us about the alarming problems with public safety interference. The fact that these local police officers, firefighters, emergency response personnel, and other first responders are concerned about their safety and the safety of those they protect is of great concern. In this new era of increased homeland security, equipping our first responders with rapid and reliable communications needs to be a top priority.

Interference to public safety communications is a growing problem in Montana and should be remedied in a comprehensive and pro-active manner. We cannot continue with a "wait and see" approach to resolving interference — the risk to our public safety professionals and the American public is too great.

The fundamental cause of interference is the close proximity of public safety and commercial wireless operations within the 800 MHz spectrum band. In order to virtually eliminate the probability of interference occurring, the 800 MHz spectrum should be realigned. Ideally, any solution to this problem accomplishes this goal while at the same time providing additional spectrum to public safety with no cost to the public safety organizations and local governments that are now struggling with limited resources. With lives on the line, we cannot afford to do anything less.

As time passes, our risks from this problem continue to grow. This is a critical issue for our constituents and our nation. We urge you to act expeditiously by putting the safety and effectiveness of public safety officials first.

Sincerely,



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The Honorable Michael K. Powell
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Dear Chairman Powell:

I am writing to you about an issue of growing importance to the public safety providers and emergency "first responders" in my district. It is becoming increasingly clear that public safety organizations - fire, medical, police and other emergency groups, have insufficient radio spectrum to meet their critical needs.

As you well know, the primary problem is that public safety and commercial radio frequencies are intermingled and adjacent to one another. This haphazard blending of communications networks is leading to dangerous interference that risks the lives of public safety personnel and the citizens they protect. Currently, Ohio is implementing a statewide 800 MHz digital voice communications system that will help the state's first responders provide a more coordinated and effective response to emergencies. Having the necessary amount of spectrum is vital to completing this system.

I understand that the fundamental cause of interference is the close proximity of public safety and commercial wireless operations within the 800 MHz spectrum band. The Federal Communications Commission should consider a comprehensive approach to rebanding that solves the problem on a national basis. Leaders in the public safety community believe that you can achieve this goal by enacting a plan that will provide additional spectrum to public safety -- at no cost to the public safety organizations and local governments that are now struggling with limited resources. With lives on the line, we cannot afford to do anything less.

This is a critical issue for our nation and I urge you to act expeditiously. In this era of increased homeland security, the need to equip our first responders with rapid and reliable communications must be a top priority. This interference to public safety communications needs to be remedied without delay.

Sincerely,

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Re: WT Docket Number 02-55 (Public Safety on 800 Megahertz Band)

Dear Chairman Powell:

As a member of the House Select Committee on Homeland Security, I have heard from first responders and public safety leaders in my district and around the country about the critical issue of public safety interference. In fact, in a recent survey I conducted of first responders in my district, nearly half of the respondents listed communications as one of their top three homeland security priorities.

The fact that public safety officials are worried about their safety and the safety of those they protect because of problems with the spectrum is of great concern to me, and it points to an urgent need to ensure that our first responders are equipped with the proper tools for rapid and reliable communications.

Interference with public safety communications is an increasing problem throughout the country and will only worsen as commercial wireless operators and public safety entities continue to enhance their communications systems. This type of interference must be remedied in a comprehensive manner. The risk to our first responders is too great to rely on an approach based on resolving interference only after it occurs in a particular location.

As you know, the primary cause of this interference is the close proximity of public safety and commercial wireless operations within the 800 MHz spectrum band. In order to virtually eliminate the probability of interference, the 800 MHz spectrum needs to be realigned. I support a solution that accomplishes this goal while simultaneously providing the public safety community with much-needed additional spectrum at no cost to their organizations or to local governments, many of which are now struggling through fiscal crises of their own.

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This is a critical issue for our country, and we cannot afford to stop short in this endeavor, or rely upon a piecemeal solution. I appreciate your interest in addressing this problem and urge you and your fellow Commissioners to act expeditiously to realign the 800 MHz spectrum with the best interests of our public safety officials, and all American citizens, in mind. Thank you for your attention to this matter, and I look forward to working with you.

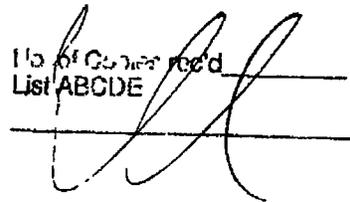
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James R. Langevin
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November 11, 2003

The Honorable Michael Powell
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
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Dear Chairman Powell:

It has come to my attention from public safety leaders from the Commonwealth of Virginia and around the country – local police officers, firefighters, emergency response personnel and other first responders - about the alarming issue of public safety radio spectrum interference. The fact that public safety officials are concerned about their safety and the safety of those they protect is a legitimate concern. In this new era of increased homeland security, the need to equip our first responders with rapid and reliable communications is a priority.

Interference with public safety communications is a growing problem in my State and around the country, which needs to be remedied in a comprehensive pro-active manner. As you know, the fundamental cause of interference is the close proximity of public safety and commercial wireless operations within the 800 MHz spectrum band.

I am interested in seeing an equitable solution to this problem that provides additional spectrum for public safety with no cost to the public safety organizations and local governments that are now struggling with limited resources.

I wish to note that I do not send this letter to support any party to this matter, nor to support or oppose any potential course of action to be taken by the Commission. Please treat this letter in conformance with all applicable procedural rules and ethical guidelines.

With warm regards, I remain

Sincerely,


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Dear Mr. Chairman:

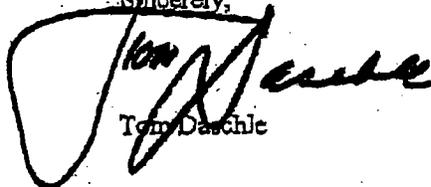
I am writing to share the concerns of the Professional Fire Fighters of South Dakota about interference problems in the 800 MHz spectrum band that is complicating the jobs of public safety providers and emergency "first responders" around the country. The enclosed letter from Steven J. Dirksen, the President of the organization, reflects the group's concerns and conveys its support for a proposal known as the "Consensus Plan."

As you are well aware, public safety and commercial wireless operators reside in close proximity on the spectrum. Operations by these adjacent licensees, providing service in compliance with the Commission's interference rules, have nonetheless resulted in instances of interference that endanger public safety personnel and the citizens they protect. The Professional Fire Fighters of South Dakota, as well as a number of other public safety organizations, have embraced the rebanding approach in the "Consensus Plan" as a promising way to resolve the problem.

Spectrum management is extraordinarily complex, and the Commission is the appropriate vehicle for evaluating this highly technical issue. Moreover, any effort to reallocate spectrum has a significant impact on other users, taxpayers and the public interest that should not be ignored by the Commission as it addresses the interference problems in the 800 MHz spectrum band.

I urge you to consider these factors as you craft a comprehensive response to the growing interference problem faced by public safety organizations. I also encourage the Commission to address this pressing issue in a timely manner.

Sincerely,



Tom Daschle

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The Honorable Michael Powell
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Dear The Honorable Powell:

I am keenly interested in finding a solution to the dangerous problem of public safety 800 MHz interference. Published findings and research have long pointed to the need to implement a permanent and long-term solution to the rise in interference in radio communications for firefighters, police and EMS personnel across America. Like our nation's first responders, we call upon the Federal Communications Commission to take the necessary action to resolve this major challenge.

Our nation's first responders need clear and reliable communications in order to perform their jobs effectively. Dangerous interference, which this year hit a new high, is due to the intermingling of public safety and wireless carriers in the 800 MHz spectrum. An effective plan must address the root cause of interference by realigning this jumbled spectrum, instead of relying on reactive mitigation tactics that leave some jurisdictions with older, more vulnerable systems. With so many lives on the line, a clear and final decision must be made to re-band intermingled spectrum to permanently and effectively extinguish interference and protect against future circumstances that will inevitably arise in other jurisdictions.

However, it is absolutely necessary that any such plan account for all of the potential costs that public safety agencies may accrue to relocate to the new spectrum. Furthermore, local public agencies must not be burdened to front the costs of the transition when many jurisdictions have recently invested millions of dollars to update their older systems to the current NPSPAC spectrum. The final ruling by the FCC should include sufficient funds available, not merely promised, for multiple retunes, equipment upgrades or replacement, manpower, parts, and other required items. It is also important for the Commission to account for the unique types of state-wide or regional communications systems that have evolved to integrate urban, rural, international borders and multi-jurisdiction areas. I favor any plan that calls for industry to contribute to the costs of the transition.

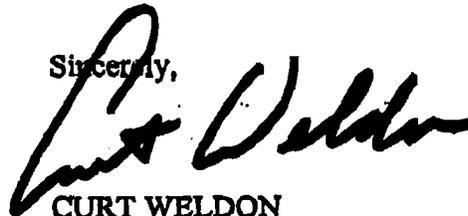
The Honorable Michael Powell

October 31, 2003

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America's firefighters, emergency medical personnel and law enforcement officers will continue to risk their lives by responding to hazardous situations without sufficient communications to direct their actions or alert them of dangers. In response, the FCC must take the initiative and provide the tools necessary for our nation's first responders to do their job effectively and safely. I implore you to make the solution to communications interference your top priority.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Curt Weldon". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

CURT WELDON
Member of Congress

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JOHN T. DOOLITTLE
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Dear Commissioner Powell:

I am writing to you regarding an issue of growing importance to the public safety providers and emergency "first responders" in my district. It is becoming increasingly clear that public safety organizations - fire, medical, police and other emergency groups - have insufficient radio spectrum to meet their critical needs.

As you know, the primary problem is that public safety and commercial radio frequencies are intermingled and adjacent to one another. This haphazard blending of communications networks is leading to dangerous interference that risks the lives of public safety personnel and the citizens they protect. It is the view of public safety leaders that as time passes this interference problem will continue to grow.

As it is explained to me, the fundamental cause of interference is the close proximity of public safety and commercial wireless operations within the 800 MHz spectrum band. The Federal Communications Commission should consider a comprehensive approach to rebanding that solves the problem on a national basis. Leaders in the public safety community believe that you can achieve this goal by enacting a plan that will provide additional spectrum to public safety at no cost to the public safety organizations and local governments that are now struggling with limited resources. With lives on the line, we cannot afford to do anything less.

This is a critical issue for our nation and I urge you to act expeditiously. In this era of increased homeland security, the need to equip our first responders with rapid and reliable communications must be a top priority. This interference to public safety communications needs to be remedied without delay.

Sincerely,

John T. Doolittle
JOHN T. DOOLITTLE
United States Representative

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November 3, 2003

The Honorable Michael K. Powell
Chairman, Federal Communications Commission
Room 8-B201
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

RE: WT Docket No. 02-55

Dear Chairman Powell:

I'm presenting to you further affirmation of the wide support of the Consensus Plan from the public safety community. Accompanying this letter is a petition with more than 500 supporting signatures representing chiefs of police and other law enforcement professionals from around the country.

The signatures represent the strength of public safety support for the Consensus Plan to realign the spectrum and alleviate interference in the 800 MHz band – a plan currently under consideration by the Commission. Recently, the strength of this support has been called into question. We organized this petition to highlight that the organizational support for the Consensus Plan – support from the International Association of Chiefs of Police and the Major Cities Chiefs Association – is squarely in line with the opinions and needs of the members of these organizations. Rank and file members join the IACP and MCC to make sure that issues important to law enforcement are identified and addressed. This petition demonstrates that the IACP and MCC leadership on the issue of 800 MHz interference is clearly supported by the membership.

I can speak firsthand to the enthusiasm and conviction among IACP and MCC members following notification of this petition. They recognize, like so many of their public safety colleagues, that interference is a dangerous problem in need of a comprehensive, proactive and fully-funded solution – a solution offered only by the Consensus Plan.

I hope that as you and the members of the Commission consider the options for dealing with 800 MHz interference you will keep in mind the strength of support from public safety for the Consensus Plan. The lives of law enforcement officers and the communities we proudly protect are too important to do otherwise.

Respectfully,



Harlin R. McEwen

CC:

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Commissioner Jonathan S. Adelstein
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Commissioner Kevin J. Martin
Secretary Marlene H. Dortch

October 27, 2003

The Honorable Michael K. Powell
Chairman, Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW, Room 8-B201
Washington, DC 20554

RE: Support for the 800 MHz "Consensus Plan" to solve Public Safety interference

Dear Chairman Powell:

We, the undersigned, gathered to attend the Annual Conference of the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) and/or the Annual Meeting of the Major Cities Chiefs Association (MCC) in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, from October 19-24, 2003, are extremely concerned with interference in the 800MHz band of the radio spectrum and believe the Consensus Plan is the best solution. It is estimated that public safety agencies will experience interference at more than 350 locations this year – the highest single-year total to date. The trend is alarming and foreshadows further interruption of mission critical communications during everyday emergencies and future catastrophic events.

We believe the Consensus Plan proposal for the realignment of the spectrum is the best solution to the current situation; it is supported by all of the major public safety organizations. We advocate for the Consensus Plan because it will:

- ✓ remedy interference to public safety communications systems and private wireless systems operating at 800 MHz
- ✓ minimize disruption to existing licensees and services - 70 percent of existing private wireless incumbents would achieve benefits of the Consensus Plan without any system modifications whatsoever
- ✓ ensure public safety agencies would have access to additional spectrum to support their mission critical communications
- ✓ require no federal, state or local funding to implement.

As time passes, our risks from this problem continue to grow. This is a critical issue for the public safety community and our nation. Therefore, we strongly urge you to consider the safety and effectiveness of public safety personnel as your top priority.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

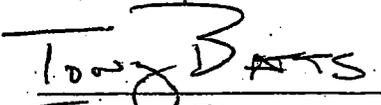
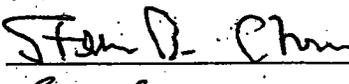
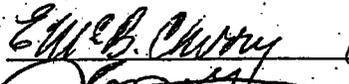
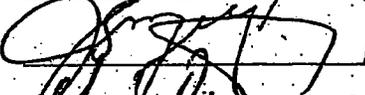
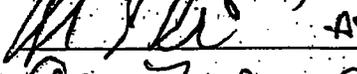
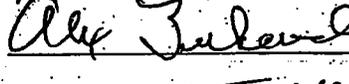
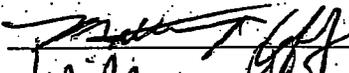
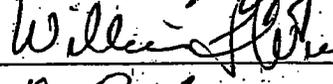
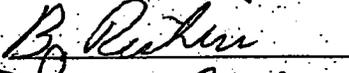
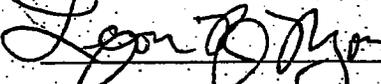
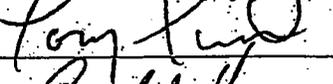
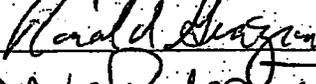
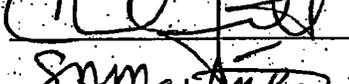
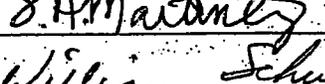
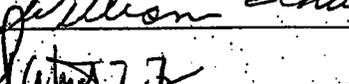
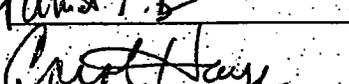
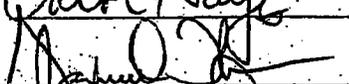
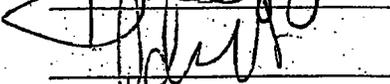
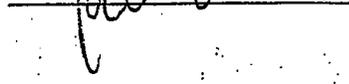
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	Chief	FRONTON TWP P.D. NEW JERSEY
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	Police Chief	Chatham Twp, NJ
	Police Chief	Denham Springs P.D., LA.
	Police Chief	Billerica Ma. PD
	Police Chief	Roanoke, VA.
	Police Chief	Dover Township N.J.
	Chief	Aspen Police.
	Chief of Police	No Kingstown PD, R.I.
	USMS	WATS IT, D.C.
	Mayor	Roanoke VA P.D.
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	Chief of Police	So. Olden, Md.
	Chief	ILLINOIS STATE POLICE
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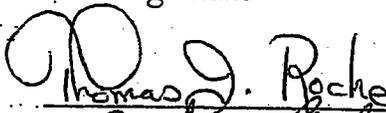
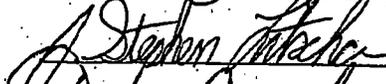
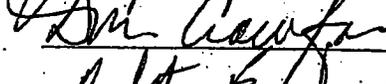
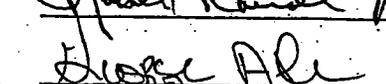
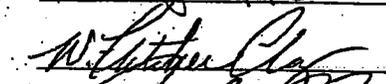
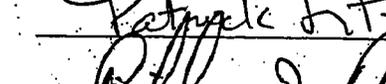
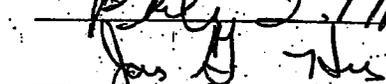
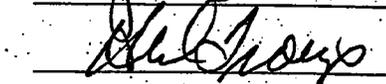
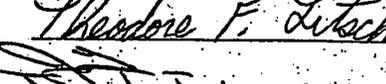
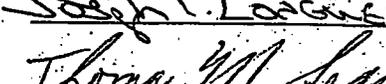
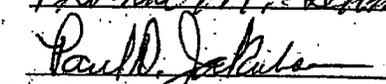
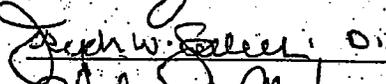
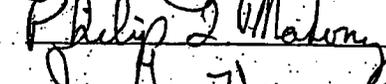
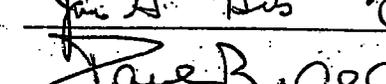
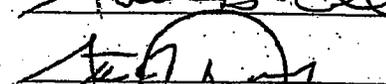
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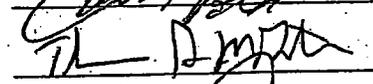
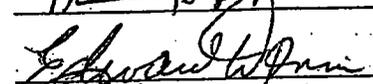
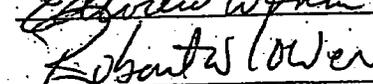
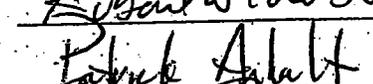
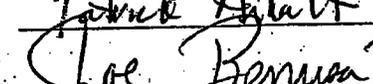
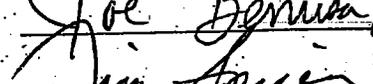
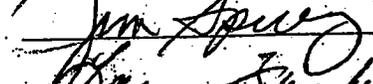
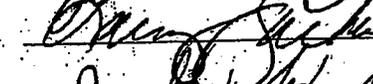
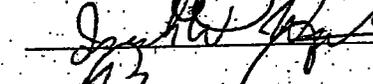
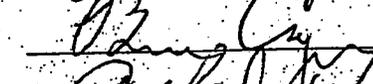
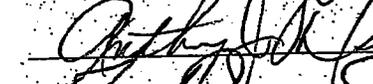
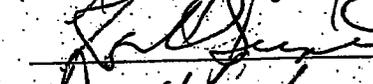
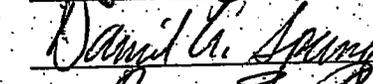
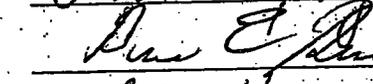
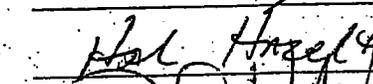
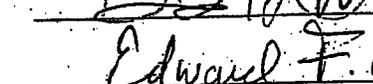
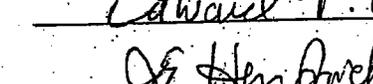
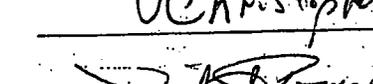
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**Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter of)
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Improving Public Safety Communications)
in the 800 MHz Band)
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Consolidating the 900 MHz Industrial/)
Land Transportation and Business Pool)
Channels)

WT Docket No. 02-55

SUPPLEMENTAL COMMENTS OF NEXTEL COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

Nextel Communications, Inc. ("Nextel") submits these supplemental comments to reinforce its commitment to fund the relocation of public safety and private wireless incumbents as part of the Consensus Plan for 800 MHz Realignment (the "Consensus Plan"),¹ in the above-captioned proceeding.²

As described in previous filings by Nextel and the Consensus Parties,³ Nextel will provide up to \$850 million to cover the relocation expenses of public safety and private wireless incumbent licensees required to relocate under the Consensus Plan. Nextel will

¹ See Reply Comments of Industrial Telecommunications Association, Inc., et al. ("the Consensus Parties"), WT Docket No. 02-55 (Aug. 7, 2002) ("Consensus Plan"). The Consensus Parties have clarified and amended the Consensus Plan in subsequent filings in WT Docket No. 02-55. See Consensus Comments of the Consensus Parties (Sept. 23, 2002); Supplemental Comments of the Consensus Parties (Dec. 24, 2002); Reply Comments of the Consensus Parties (Feb. 25, 2003); Ex Parte Submission of the Consensus Parties (Aug. 7, 2003).

² See *Improving Public Safety Communications in the 800 MHz Band, Consolidating the 900 MHz Industrial/Land Transportation and Business Pool Channels*, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 17 FCC Rcd 4873 (2002).

³ Consensus Plan at 19-21; Supplemental Comments of the Consensus Parties at 4-8; Reply Comments of the Consensus Parties at 11; Ex Parte Submission of the Consensus Parties at 50-52.

take the actions described below to provide absolute assurance to 800 MHz incumbent licensees and to the Federal Communications Commission (the "Commission") that Nextel can and will provide the relocation funding described in the Consensus Plan, regardless of Nextel's future financial condition.⁴ These actions enhance the funding mechanism described in the Consensus Parties' Supplemental Comments, filed on December 24, 2002.

I. NEXTEL'S REVISED FUNDING MECHANISM: A \$100 MILLION ASSET TRANSFER AND \$750 MILLION IRREVOCABLE LETTER OF CREDIT

As explained in prior filings, the Consensus Plan proposes establishing a "Relocation Fund" to finance 800 MHz incumbent retuning costs.⁵ An independent Fund Administrator would manage the Relocation Fund.⁶ The Fund Administrator will disburse funds directly to incumbent public safety and private wireless licensees, or their designees, as covered relocation expenses are incurred. *No public safety agency or private wireless operators will have to first put up relocation funding and then seek reimbursement from the Relocation Fund.*⁷

⁴ Nextel's funding commitment remains contingent on the Commission's adoption of all relevant terms of the Consensus Plan, including the creation of (i) a 16 MHz cellular block from 816-824/861-869 MHz licensed primarily to Nextel, and (ii) a 10 MHz replacement spectrum block licensed to Nextel for CMRS services at 1910-1915/1990-1995 MHz.

⁵ Supplemental Comments of the Consensus Parties at 7.

⁶ Nextel has no objection to the Commission having an approval or consent role in the selection of the Fund Administrator.

⁷ The Consensus Parties propose that the Relocation Fund provide funding for the same varied relocation expenditures that were covered during the retuning of the Upper 200 SMR Channels, pursuant to Section 90.699 of the Commission's rules. 47 C.F.R. § 90.699. Accordingly, if the Commission adopts the Consensus Plan, the Relocation Fund would cover the costs associated with the necessary reprogramming, retuning, and replacement of radio handsets and base station equipment. This would include the cost of software upgrades, engineering services, legal services, labor required for carrying out the retuning, site fees, testing of the retuned systems, and FCC and other regulatory fees. If new equipment – either handset or network equipment – is necessary to relocate a licensee,

Nextel will deposit at least \$100 million in cash to an escrow account created and designated for paying 800 MHz retuning costs pursuant to the Consensus Plan.⁸ Nextel will secure the remaining up to \$750 million through an irrevocable stand-by letter of credit from internationally recognized commercial lending institutions.⁹ The letter of credit will provide payments to the Relocation Fund for disbursement directly to (or for the benefit of) 800 MHz incumbent retunees in the unlikely event that Nextel is not able to provide the necessary funding of up to \$850 million to complete the Consensus Plan retuning process.¹⁰ These bankruptcy-proof arrangements should give the Commission complete confidence that the funding necessary to complete 800 MHz realignment under the Consensus Plan will be secured and available regardless of future changes in Nextel's financial position.

Nextel is taking these actions to further demonstrate the viability of the unique public/private Consensus Plan partnership as a means of preventing public safety interference and eliminating that threat to the safety of our Nation's first responders. The Consensus Plan will correct the Commission's now outmoded 800 MHz spectrum plan – thereby addressing the fundamental cause of this interference and preventing it before it

the cost of such new equipment will be covered by the Relocation Fund. In addition, as discussed in previous filings, the Relocation Fund will cover the necessary steps for the type of system being retuned to implement retuning without disrupting critical communications. See Supplemental Comments of the Consensus Parties at 3-7 and Appendix A.

⁸ Nextel had previously committed to make an initial \$25 million cash contribution; Nextel's revised commitment quadruples its up-front cash asset transfer for relocation funding.

⁹ Nextel has amended a credit facility with its commercial lenders to obtain the necessary letter of credit as needed.

¹⁰ Of course, Nextel will reduce the letter of credit amount periodically as it pays for Consensus Plan retuning and reduces its overall retuning obligation. Nextel will transfer funds into the Relocation Fund either directly or from the escrow account at its discretion.

occurs. Public safety first responders deserve no less and the Consensus Plan delivers that result – as described herein – at no cost to the American taxpayer.

II. CONCLUSION

Accordingly, the revised funding arrangements described herein provide 800 MHz incumbents with full assurance that they will not bear the ongoing financial burden of resolving interference in the 800 MHz band. The Consensus Plan is the only proposal in this proceeding that provides such assurance. This is yet another reason that the Commission should adopt the Consensus Plan as soon as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

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Talking Points:
Nextel Guarantee of Funding for 800 MHz Re-banding

- ✓ On November 3, 2003, Nextel filed a letter with the FCC describing how it will secure its \$850 million retuning funding commitment under the Consensus Plan for 800 MHz realignment.
- ✓ Assuming the FCC adopts the Consensus Plan, regardless of Nextel's future financial condition, these arrangements provide additional assurance to the FCC and to public safety and private wireless incumbent licensees, that Nextel can and will provide up to \$850 million for retuning.
- ✓ Nextel quadrupled its initial up-front cash commitment from \$25 million to at least \$100 million, which it will place in an escrow account, designated for paying 800 MHz retuning costs under the Consensus Plan.
- ✓ Nextel will secure the remaining portion of up to \$750 million through one or more irrevocable stand-by letters of credit issued by internationally recognized commercial lending institutions. The letters of credit will provide payments to the Consensus Plan's Relocation Fund should Nextel not meet its obligation to fund the relocation costs during the retuning process contemplated by the Consensus Plan
- ✓ The Consensus Plan calls for establishing an independent fund administrator to pay retuning costs as they are incurred directly to the retuning party or its designee. No public safety agency will have to put up any money and then seek reimbursement.
- ✓ These retuning funds will pay for the radio software changes, base station channel changes, required equipment replacement and other necessary retuning costs to eliminate interference to public safety and private wireless licensees that occurs as a byproduct of 800 MHz commercial cellular operations.
- ✓ Based on Nextel's previous extensive experience in retuning licensees within the 800 MHz band, Nextel's \$850 million funding commitment represents an adequate commitment of resources to cover the costs of the retuning process.

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NEXTEL ENHANCES COMMITMENT TO FUND CONSENSUS PLAN

Company to Secure Its \$850 Million Commitment for Relocation Expenses of Incumbent 800 MHz Licensees by Placing Funds in Escrow and Providing Irrevocable Letters of Credit

RESTON, Va.— November 3, 2003 – Nextel Communications Inc. (NASDAQ: NXTL) today filed comments with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) reinforcing its commitment and outlining specific steps to assure the FCC, and public safety and private wireless 800 MHz incumbent licensees, that it will provide up to \$850 million in relocation funding described in the Consensus Plan for 800 MHz Realignment.

The Company notified the FCC that it will deposit \$100 million in cash in an escrow account to be available to pay 800 MHz retuning costs pursuant to the terms of the Consensus Plan, and will secure the remaining \$750 million commitment through one or more irrevocable stand-by letters of credit issued by internationally recognized commercial lending institutions. The letters of credit will provide payments to the Relocation Fund should Nextel not meet its obligation to fund the relocation costs during the retuning process contemplated by the Consensus Plan. No upfront or other retuning costs will be required of any public safety or private wireless relocatee.

The additional steps taken by Nextel today are designed to provide the FCC and 800 MHz incumbent licensees with absolute assurance that the relocation funding described in the Consensus Plan will be available, regardless of future changes in Nextel's financial position. The Company believes that these enhancements should resolve any concerns about Nextel's ability to meet its financial commitment under the Consensus Plan.

Commenting on today's filing with the FCC, Paul Saleh, Chief Financial Officer of Nextel Communications, Inc., said, "Nextel's decision to place \$100 million in an escrow fund and arrange for \$750 million of irrevocable letters of credit for the benefit of 800 MHz incumbent licensees demonstrates our commitment to ensuring that funding of the relocation expenses under the Consensus Plan is secured. Nextel remains committed to eliminating the causes of public safety interference through 800 MHz realignment and eliminating that threat to the safety of our nation's first responders." He added, "The public safety community deserves high quality wireless communications and the Consensus Plan is the most comprehensive and only fully-funded plan which will achieve the FCC's objectives of eliminating interference and creating more spectrum opportunities for public safety agencies."

The Consensus Plan provides for the creation of a "Relocation Fund" to pay for 800 MHz incumbent licensee retuning costs. An independent Fund Administrator would manage the Relocation Fund, and would disburse funds directly to incumbent public safety and private wireless licensees, or their designees, as covered relocation expenses

are incurred. These funding mechanisms will allow public safety agencies or private wireless operators to access directly the Relocation Fund as expenses are incurred.

About Nextel

Nextel Communications, a Fortune 300 company based in Reston, Va., is a leading provider of fully integrated wireless communications services and has built the largest guaranteed all-digital wireless network in the country covering thousands of communities across the United States. Nextel and Nextel Partners, Inc., currently serve 293 of the top 300 U.S. markets. Through recent market launches, Nextel and Nextel Partners service is available today in areas of the U.S. where approximately 248 million people live or work.

"Safe Harbor" Statement under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. A number of the matters and subject areas discussed in this press release that are not historical or current facts deal with potential future circumstances and developments, including our belief as to whether the FCC will approve the Consensus Plan, which is qualified by the inherent risks and uncertainties surrounding any such future expectations described from time to time in Nextel reports filed with the SEC, including Nextel's annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2002 and in its quarterly reports on Form 10-Q for the quarterly periods ended March 31, 2003 and June 30, 2003. This press release speaks only as of its date, and Nextel disclaims any duty to update the information herein.

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Ex Parte Presentation

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Friday, November 21, 2003, Lawrence Krevor, Vice President – Government Affairs, Nextel Communications, Inc. (“Nextel”), Dr. Gregory L. Rosston, Deputy Director of the Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research at Stanford University, and I met with Barry Ohlson, Legal Advisor for Spectrum and International Issues, Office of Commissioner Adelstein, regarding the Commission’s above-captioned rulemaking on public safety communications in the 800 MHz band. During this meeting, we discussed the study authored by Dr. Rosston entitled “Using the Commission’s Articulated Spectrum Policy to Evaluate the Alternatives for Mitigating 800 MHz Interference,” filed with the Commission on Thursday, November 20, 2003. In his study, Dr. Rosston examines how the three proposals for resolving 800 MHz public safety interference fit with the overall spectrum management direction articulated in the Commission’s Spectrum Policy Task Force Report (“Report”). Dr. Rosston concludes that the Consensus Plan for 800 MHz Realignment, even though it was developed before the release of the Report, is more consistent with the Report’s goals and methodologies than either the Motorola Plan or the UTC/CTIA proposal.

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

Sincerely,

/s/ Regina M. Keeney
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cc: Barry Ohlson