

Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554
June 25, 2004

Re: Ex Parte Comments Docket #WT02-55

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On June 24, 2004 the following individuals met with representatives from the offices of Chairman Powell and Commissioners Abernathy, Martin, Adelstein, and Copps to discuss their opposition to the Nextel consensus plan:

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Chief Vincent Stephens
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The group hand delivered copies of the attached First Response White Paper and letter to Chairman Powell. In each office they argued the paper's main points:

- Nextel should not be rewarded for the interference it is causing with a gift of billions of dollars worth of spectrum.
- Rather, the 1.9 spectrum should be auctioned and the funds earmarked for reduced interference and improved interoperability.

- Far more funds will be needed to fix the problems than the paltry \$700 million proposed by Nextel.
- Nextel's "solution" would lock in old technology that may not get the job done tomorrow.

Additional points discussed included:

- Holding Nextel responsible for all instances of interference it causes and ensuring it works with local public safety departments to resolve the problems.
- Developing an accelerated regional deployment schedule to ensure that public safety communications systems are upgraded by 2006.
- Providing low-interest loans and guarantees to assist underserved and economically-disadvantaged communities in obtaining the newest communications technologies.
- Establishing advisory panels to recommend solutions that adequately address the disparate needs of first responders and America's diverse communities.

For additional information, please contact:

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