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

Re: WT Docket No. 02-55
Exempt Ex Parte Presentation (47 C.F.R. § 1.1204(a)(10))

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Wednesday, July 21, 2004, Nextel Communications, Inc. ("Nextel") met with members of the staff of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau ("WTB"). The meeting was requested by the WTB staff pursuant to section 1.1204(a)(10) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1204(a)(10), for the clarification or adduction of evidence concerning issues in the above-referenced proceeding. Attending on behalf of the WTB were Catherine Seidel, David Furth, Aaron Goldberger, John Evanoff, and Brian Marenco. Attending on behalf of Nextel were Lawrence R. Krevor, Geoff Stearn, and Sandy Edwards of Nextel, as well as the undersigned.

At the request of the WTB staff, the following issues were discussed: (1) The realignment plan in Southern LINC's licensed service areas that will accommodate the networks of both Nextel and Southern LINC in these areas; this plan is described in detail in Nextel's prior filings. *See* Letter from James B. Goldstein, Nextel, to Michael Wilhelm, FCC (June 30, 2004). (2) Practical considerations regarding the timing and implementation of 800 MHz realignment. The Consensus Parties' proposal for implementing realignment is described in detail in the Supplemental Comments of the Consensus Parties, at Appendices C & D (Dec. 24, 2002); the WTB staff asked Nextel to provide additional information concerning appropriate milestones for the realignment transition. (3) The importance of Nextel having interference-free access to its already-licensed 900 MHz spectrum during realignment. (4) The Best Practices obligations that will apply during the band realignment process, and the additional "Appendix F" interference protection safeguards that should apply after band realignment is completed. *See Ex Parte* Submission of the Consensus Parties, Attachment 1 (Aug. 7, 2003). (5) The contributions Nextel

will make to the realignment plan, as described in detail in its prior filings. The WTB staff requested that Nextel provide additional information concerning the cost of installing filters in its 800 MHz base stations to meet the interference protection requirements set forth in Appendix F of the Consensus Plan and additional information regarding Nextel's internal retuning costs.

Pursuant to sections 1.1204(a)(10) and 1.1206(b)(2) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1204(a)(10) and 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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David Furth
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