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Federal Communications Commission
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REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIALITY

Pursuant to Part 0 and Part 5 of the Rules of the Federal Communications Commission ("Commission"), Nextel West Corp., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Nextel Communications, Inc. (collectively "Nextel") respectfully requests confidentiality regarding its request for an Experimental Radio Station License for use of frequencies 851-866 MHz on a secondary, non-interference basis nationwide. Nextel requests this Experimental authorization to test use of 3G technologies in conjunction with its extensive existing licensing authority in the 800 MHz band.

Nextel is filing for this Experimental License in an abundance of caution – it does not believe the instant License is required to conduct the planned tests using its Economic Area ("EA") licenses. However, due to the nature of these tests – namely, using Code Division Multiple Access ("CDMA") technologies in the 800 MHz band – Nextel seeks to have specific Experimental authority to conduct these tests.

Because testing and use of CDMA technologies in the 800 MHz band forecasts confidential business plans and because these 3G tests could be authorized under its existing EA licenses without need for the Experimental License, it believes that confidentiality of the request should be granted.

Should the Commission have any questions regarding this matter, please contact the undersigned at (703) 433-4212.

Respectfully submitted,

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