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Via Electronic Submission

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: *Ex Parte Communication: In the Matter of Joint Applications of Sprint Nextel Corporation, SOFTBANK CORP., and Starburst II, Inc., for Consent to Transfer Control of Licenses and Authorizations and Petition for Declaratory Ruling under Section 310(b)(4) of the Communications Act of 1934, as Amended, IB Docket No. 12-343.*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

This letter is to inform you that on March 14, 2013, Masayoshi Son, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of SOFTBANK CORP., (“SoftBank”), Daniel Hesse, Chief Executive Officer of Sprint Nextel Corporation (“Sprint”), Erik Prusch, Chief Executive Officer of Clearwire Corporation (“Clearwire”), David Carmen, Cathy Massey and the undersigned (jointly the “Applicants”), met with Chairman Julius Genachowski, Ruth Milkman, Mindel De La Torre, Zachary Katz, Charles Mathias, and Kate Dumouchel, to discuss the benefits of the above referenced transaction.

The Applicants described SoftBank’s proposed investment of over \$20 billion in Sprint, with approximately \$12.1 billion going to Sprint shareholders and an additional \$8 billion being invested in Sprint that can be used to benefit the company’s network and services. The Applicants also explained that the completion of this transaction will allow Sprint to acquire the remaining shares of Clearwire it does not currently own, resulting in Sprint’s 100% ownership and *de facto* control of Clearwire, creating a stronger competitor in the wireless broadband marketplace.

Mr. Son described SoftBank and the manner in which it transformed the Japanese wireless marketplace. Mr. Son noted that when SoftBank purchased Vodafone’s wireless interests in 2006, two large incumbents in Japan held approximately 80% of the market. Through innovative products, pricing, and marketing, SoftBank is now poised to become the second largest wireless provider in Japan. Mr. Son explained that through SoftBank’s investment in Sprint, he hopes to bring a similar competitive spark to the U.S. wireless marketplace.

Mr. Hesse noted that the \$8 billion capital infusion will help accelerate Sprint’s LTE deployment and allow Sprint to keep pace with the aggressive nationwide LTE build outs of rival carriers. Mr. Hesse also noted that SoftBank’s technical and operational expertise will benefit Sprint and allow it to offer consumers more choice, innovation, and a better network and customer experience.

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Mr. Prusch noted the importance of speedy approval of these transactions, emphasizing that they will provide additional funding for the expansion of Clearwire's LTE services and that any significant delay would make Clearwire more vulnerable.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, this letter is being electronically filed with your office. Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this filing.

Respectfully submitted,

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