



FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

September 19, 2013

Mignon L. Clyburn  
Acting Chairwoman

The Honorable Ted Poe  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2412 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Poe:

Thank you for your letter regarding the acquisition of Sprint Nextel Corporation by SoftBank Corporation. I appreciate your interest in this matter and am pleased to provide the enclosed letter on this issue from the Chief of the FCC's International Bureau.

If you have any additional questions or need any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Mignon L. Clyburn

Enclosure



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Washington, DC 20554

International Bureau

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Dear Congressman Poe:

Thank you for your letter expressing concern regarding the acquisition of Sprint Nextel Corporation (Sprint) by SoftBank Corporation (SoftBank), a Japanese company. You stated that the proposed acquisition would entail the passing of substantial U.S. telecommunications infrastructure into foreign hands and could leave such infrastructure vulnerable to cyber attacks, posing a significant risk to the national security of the United States. Your letter urged the Commission to take a close look at the proposed acquisition of Sprint, consistent with all existing rules, regulations and ethical guidelines.

After thorough review, the Commission released an Order on July 5, 2013, finding that the proposed acquisition of Sprint by SoftBank would serve the public interest. The Order is available at [http://transition.fcc.gov/Daily\\_Releases/Daily\\_Business/2013/db0705/FCC-13-92A1.pdf](http://transition.fcc.gov/Daily_Releases/Daily_Business/2013/db0705/FCC-13-92A1.pdf).

Please be assured that the Commission, as part of its public interest review, carefully considered all relevant legal and policy issues in this matter consistent with existing rules and regulations and with the country's national security in mind. In this regard, we completed coordination with Executive Branch agencies regarding national security, law enforcement, foreign policy or trade concerns that may be associated with the proposed transaction. As noted in the Order, the applicants to the proposed transaction stated for the record that the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS) required them to enter into a National Security Agreement with the Department of Defense, Department of Homeland Security (DHS), and Department of Justice (DOJ). The DOJ, including the Federal Bureau of Investigation, with the concurrence of DHS, subsequently filed a letter stating that they had reviewed the information provided to them by the applicants and analyzed the measures undertaken by the applicants to address potential national security, law enforcement, and public safety issues, including supply chain issues. Based on their review, they indicated that they had no objection to grant of the applications.

Thank you for your interest in this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mindel De La Torre".

Mindel De La Torre  
Chief, International Bureau