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Dear Ms. McDonald,

Thank you for your letter dated July 18, 2011 regarding the discussions by the U.S.-Canada Radio Technical Liaison Committee (RTLCL) on revising the current arrangements and understandings between our two governments concerning land mobile operations in the bands 806-824 MHz and 851-869 MHz (800 MHz band) and cellular radio systems in the bands 824-849 MHz and 869-894 MHz (Cellular Band).

Like you, I believe that the principles and procedures adopted at the RTLCL and reflected in the documents attached to your letter will be mutually beneficial to both of our countries and that the earliest possible implementation of those principles and procedures is advisable.

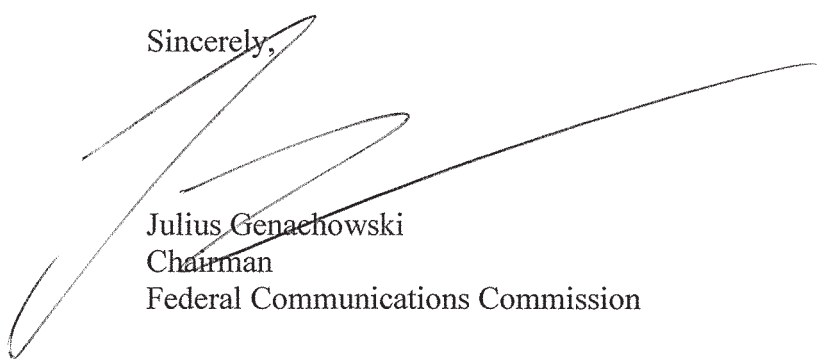
I therefore concur with your proposal to implement the principles and procedures detailed in the documents included in Annex 1 of your letter (until these documents are brought into force by our two Governments), even to the extent of any inconsistency between the provisions of those documents and the provisions of the existing Arrangement F under the 1962 Agreement between our Governments concerning the coordination and use of radio frequencies above thirty megacycles per second (Arrangement between the Department of Communications of Canada and the Federal Communications Commission of the United States Concerning the Use of the Band 806 to 890 MHz Along the Canada—United States Border, signed at Washington November 2, 1993 and January 4, 1994).

The documents in question include the draft revised Arrangement F, the Special Coordination Procedure between Telus and Sprint/Nextel and draft new Arrangement S as attached to your letter. Furthermore, I concur with the provisions you describe in Annex 3 for operation of certain Canadian assignments along the common border in the 800 MHz band.

I look forward to working with you and your staff as the Canadian and U.S. Governments undertake a final legal review and determination of any necessary changes to the documents in question that may be required to bring into force (or otherwise make effective) the revised draft Arrangement F, the Special Coordination Procedure and the draft new Arrangement S.

Finally, I would like to thank you and your staff for working with us on these documents. I look forward to continuing our collaborative work in the future.

Sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several sweeping, overlapping strokes that extend across the width of the page.

Julius Genachowski
Chairman
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