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Ms. Magalie R. Salas
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W. – The Portals
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: VoiceStream Wireless Corporation and Powertel, Inc., Transferors,
and DeutscheTelekom AG, Transferee, IB Docket No. 00-187

Dear Ms. Salas:

Siemens U.S. companies constitute a diversified technology business with over 75,000 employees in the United States. Siemens strongly supports the proposed merger of VoiceStream Wireless Corporation ("VoiceStream") and Deutsche Telekom AG ("DT").

Siemens is committed to the expansion of its presence in the U.S. market as a vendor of systems and equipment to the U.S. telecommunications and information industries. The VoiceStream-DT transaction promises to expand those opportunities by improving the scope and quality of wireless services available to U.S. customers.

The most obvious benefit of the proposed merger is the increased consumer choice it will make possible in areas of the country in which VoiceStream service is currently unavailable. By providing the financial means for VoiceStream to build its present system and acquire additional licenses, the transaction will increase the number of nationwide wireless telephony competitors from which consumers may choose.

The proposed transaction also will bring new competition in the quality and value of wireless telephone services available to U.S. consumers. Notably, DT and VoiceStream's use of the global system for mobile communications ("GSM") standard will offer customers of the merged entity the potential for seamless global service through a single handset, as well as such high-value features as worldwide voicemail access numbers and transferable prepaid calling plans.

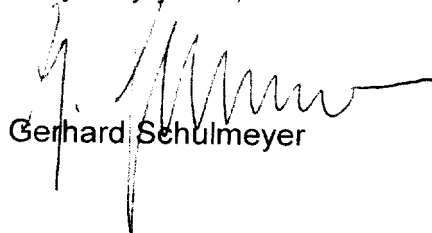
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As a provider of advanced systems and equipment to the telecommunications industry, Siemens is confident that the proposed merger will bring valuable stimulus to the wireless telephony market in the United States. Because the proposed transaction will benefit U.S. consumers and the U.S. economy, Siemens urges the Commission to approve that transaction as in the public interest.

Very truly yours,



Gerhard Schulmeyer