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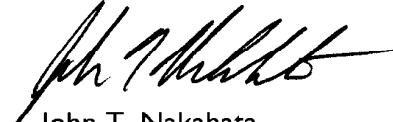
Re: IB Docket No. 00-187

Dear Ms. Salas:

On February 7, 2001, John Stanton, Chairman and CEO of VoiceStream Wireless, spoke with Chairman Powell regarding the above-captioned matter. During their conversation, Mr. Stanton stated that the main issue in reviewing a merger should be the benefits to U.S. consumers, and that the record fully demonstrated those benefits. Mr. Stanton urged that this matter be considered by the Commission in a timely manner. He also observed that the lengthy review process puts U.S. companies at a disadvantage vis-à-vis their foreign competitors, who are able to close their strategic transactions more quickly.

In accordance with FCC rules, a copy of this letter is being filed electronically in the above-captioned docket.

Sincerely,



John T. Nakahata

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c: Mr. John Stanton
Chairman Michael K. Powell

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Karen R. Stephens, do hereby certify that on this 8th day of February 2001, I caused true and correct copies of the foregoing Ex Parte to be served via first-class mail, postage pre-paid, upon the following parties:

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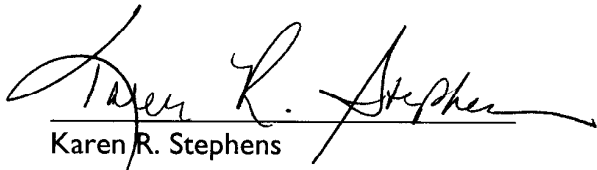
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