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

Re: Applications of VoiceStream, Deutsche Telekom and Powertel,
IB Docket No. 00-187, WT Docket No. 01-14

Dear Ms. Salas:

On March 20, 2001, John Stanton, Chairman and CEO of VoiceStream Wireless ("VoiceStream") and Brian O'Connor, also of VoiceStream, met with Chairman Powell, Commissioner Furchtgott-Roth, Commissioner Ness, Marsha MacBride, Chief of Staff to the Chairman, Peter Tenhula, Senior Legal Advisor to the Chairman, Mark Schneider, Senior Legal Advisor to Commissioner Ness, and Bryan Tramont, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Furchtgott-Roth.

During these meetings, Mr. Stanton urged the Commission expeditiously to consider the applications by VoiceStream, Powertel, and Deutsche Telekom in the IB Docket No. 00-187. Mr. Stanton commented that in general Commission processing of applications, even uncontested applications, was slower than in other countries such as Europe and elsewhere, which set statutory deadlines. In some of these meetings, Messrs. Stanton and O'Connor also discussed the fact that Section 310 permits, rather than prevents, FCC approval of these transactions, for the reasons previously filed in the record in comments and written ex parte communications by VoiceStream and Deutsche Telekom. Mr. Stanton also observed that many members of Congress do not share Senator Hollings' and Chairman Dingell's interpretation of Section 310. Mr. Stanton also stated that the proposed mergers clearly satisfy the FCC's public interest test and urged that the Commission move forward expeditiously to eliminate the spectrum caps.
In accordance with FCC rules, a copy of this letter is being filed electronically in each of the above-captioned dockets.

Sincerely,

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