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**NEXTEL STANDS WITH PUBLIC SAFETY AND ACCEPTS FCC ORDER TO  
FACILITATE INTERFERENCE-FREE COMMUNICATIONS FOR FIRST  
RESPONDERS**

***Spectrum Reconfiguration to Begin Immediately***

**RESTON, Va.** – Feb. 7, 2005 – Nextel Communications Inc. (NASDAQ: NXTL) today formally accepted the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) Report & Order to eliminate CMRS-public safety radio interference at 800 MHz (WT Docket 02-55, *Improving Public Safety Communications in the 800 MHz Band*). In this Order, the FCC has made clear and reliable communications possible for first responders and, with Nextel's acceptance, the implementation phase of reconfiguration begins immediately.

Commenting on this decision, Nextel President and Chief Executive Officer Tim Donahue said, Solving public safety interference and securing additional spectrum have been long-standing priorities for first responders, and we're pleased to stand with the men and women who protect America's communities. Nextel will begin the realignment process immediately and looks forward to continue working with the FCC, the Transition Administrator team, the public safety community, and all others involved in the reconfiguration process to complete the implementation.

800 MHz radio interference, caused by commercial wireless carriers operating adjacent to public safety licensees, has been affecting first responders around the country for more than five years. Reconfiguring the 800 MHz spectrum will reorganize the spectrum holdings within the band separating public safety from commercial licensees, thereby virtually eliminating CMRS-public safety radio interference in the 800 MHz band. Through this effort, public safety also will gain much-needed additional spectrum to facilitate future communications needs.

The foundation of the FCC's Order reflects the hard work of an innovative public-private partnership among leading public safety agencies including the International Association of Chiefs of Police, International Association of Fire Chiefs, Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials-International, International Municipal Signal Association, Major Cities Chiefs Association, Major County Sheriff's Association and the Fraternal Order of Police; private wireless organizations; private citizens and Nextel.

Donahue added, Nextel is, and always will remain, committed to the needs of the public safety community and this initiative ensures that public safety's needs are met. We are fully dedicated to doing what is necessary and within our power to ensure the smooth, efficient and effective implementation of reconfiguration.

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## **Editor s Note**

A copy of Nextel s acceptance letter to the FCC may be obtained by sending an email message to: [media.relations@nextel.com](mailto:media.relations@nextel.com)

## **About Nextel**

Nextel Communications, a FORTUNE® 200 company based in Reston, Va., is a leading provider of fully integrated wireless communications services and has built the largest guaranteed all-digital wireless network in the country covering thousands of communities across the United States. Today 95 percent of FORTUNE 500® companies are Nextel customers. Nextel and Nextel Partners, Inc. currently serve 297 of the top 300 U.S. markets where approximately 261 million people live or work.

"Safe Harbor" Statement under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. A number of the matters and subject areas discussed in this press release that are not historical or current facts deal with potential future circumstances and developments, including the implementation of the FCC s Order and the effectiveness of realignment to eliminate interference. The discussion of such matters and subject areas is qualified by the inherent risks and uncertainties surrounding future expectations generally, and also may materially differ from Nextel s actual future experience involving any one or more of such matters and subject areas. Nextel has attempted to identify, in context, certain of the factors that it currently believes may cause actual future experience and results to differ from Nextel s current expectations regarding the relevant matter or subject area. Such risks and uncertainties include circumstances, whether operational, technical or otherwise, that would prevent completion of the reconfiguration or elimination of interference, and the risks that are described from time to time in Nextel reports filed with the SEC, including Nextel s annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2003 and in the first, second and third quarter 2004 Form 10-Qs. This press release speaks only as of its date, and Nextel disclaims any duty to update the information herein.

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