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Statement from Sprint Nextel on the establishment of the NoChokePoints Coalition

WASHINGTON, D.C. – June 22, 2009 – This morning, Sprint Nextel (NYSE: S) participated in a news conference at the National Press Club held to announce the formation of the NoChokePoints Coalition, a group of consumers, businesses, governments and non-profits who rely on widely available high capacity broadband at reasonable prices.

The following statement may be attributed to Bob Azzi, Senior Vice President – Network, Sprint Nextel:

“Sprint Nextel has joined the NoChokePoints Coalition because we believe the chokehold AT&T, Verizon and other large telephone companies have on the special access market is threatening the health of our nation’s broadband economy. We are calling on the FCC to act to fix this broken market without further delay.

At a time when our nation’s economy is hurting, Sprint Nextel believes the most cost effective means of speeding broadband deployment is to fix this broken market. Moreover, with the government committed to spend more than \$7 billion dollars on broadband deployment, it is critical that the FCC ensure that this money is not wasted on inflated special access rates.”

About Sprint Nextel

Sprint Nextel offers a comprehensive range of wireless and wireline communications services bringing the freedom of mobility to consumers, businesses and government users. Sprint Nextel is widely recognized for developing, engineering and deploying innovative technologies, including two wireless networks serving nearly 49 million customers at the end of the first quarter of 2009; industry-leading mobile data services; instant national and international push-to-talk capabilities; and a global Tier 1 Internet backbone. For more information, visit www.sprint.com.

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