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**Re: TRA Docket No. 10-00083
Legislative and Consumer Comments**

Dear General Collier:

This letter will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated May 14, 2010 to Nexus' counsel Charles B. Welch, Jr., Esq. regarding the above referenced matter. Please be advised that although your letter is addressed to Mr. Welch, Nexus had not yet retained Mr. Welch or his firm during the period of time (April 28, 2010) that Ms. Mason and I spoke. I would also like the opportunity to set the record straight regarding Ms. Mason's recollection of the conversation she and I had on April 28, 2010. Because of the unusual nature of the call, I kept handwritten notes contemporaneous with our conversation.

Beginning on April 28, 2010, Nexus informed its low income Tennessee subscribers about the status of Nexus' wireless service and encouraged them to contact numerous arms of government including, but not limited to, the Legislature and the TRA. That same day on April 28th I was forwarded a call from a Ms. Pamela Mason who stated that she was an assistant to a state legislator. She told me she was angry and upset at having to field numerous calls from Nexus subscribers and supporters who were calling to express their support for the program. She told me that it was her understanding that this was a "federal matter" and that there was nothing the state could do.

I attempted, unsuccessfully, to explain that these customers were constituents who were very concerned about their potential loss of service and that this was, in fact, a state question because Nexus was filing an emergency petition at the TRA asking the agency to resolve the dispute between Nexus and USAC.

Never at any time did I ever say or imply to Ms. Mason that I wanted any member of the Legislature to "pressure" the TRA. My notes indicate that it was Ms. Mason who first mentioned the TRA, and was under the erroneous impression that Nexus had filed a

"lawsuit" against the Authority and was "seeking help" in that suit. At that point, I explained that there was no lawsuit against the TRA but that Nexus was getting ready to file a petition at the TRA seeking clarification of Nexus' authority to provide wireless. At the end of the conversation I was not at all certain that Ms. Mason understood my point.

Realizing that the unexpected volume of calls from constituents had created a lot of concern and possible confusion at the Legislature, I then decided to retain Mr. Welch's firm and spent four days in Nashville the following week meeting with two dozen or more Members of the General Assembly.

I was very much put at ease by everyone I met, and I felt it important to explain that Nexus was self-funding our tens of thousands of low income subscriber's minutes until such time as the TRA adjudicated the matter. I was particularly impressed by the numerous Members who expressed the opinion that they appreciated this type of feedback from their constituents regarding important situations like this issue. As you know, several of the Members offered to write, and did write, letters to the TRA in support of Nexus' petition. I sincerely appreciated their support and understand that the Authority welcomes input from elected officials.

Best Regards,



Steven Fenker

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