



October 13, 2017

Via ECFS

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Wireless Emergency Alerts
PS Docket No. 15-91

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On October 11, 2017, Renee Roland, Special Counsel, Federal Communications Commission, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau, and I discussed the upcoming (November 1, 2017) deadline for Commercial Mobile Service (“CMS”) providers to support embedded Uniform Resource Locator (“URL”) references to a resource on the Internet. I indicated that Sprint, as a participating CMS provider of Wireless Emergency Alert (“WEA”) messages, intends to support WEA messages that include an embedded URL, as required by the rules. *See* 47 C.F.R. § 10.441.

We also discussed the fact that certain wireless devices, already in use by consumers in the marketplace, will not have the ability to support so-called “clickable” URL references or “hyperlinks” delivered over a wireless network. Such legacy devices may not be eligible for, nor be able to accept, updates or maintenance releases that may allow certain other devices to be modified to “click” on an embedded reference. There is also a potential negative impact this new requirement may have on network congestion, both for CMS providers and alert originators relying on hardware and Internet connectivity with technical constraints, especially within a highly-populated, limited geographic area.

Pursuant to the Commission’s rules, a copy of this letter is being filed electronically in the above-referenced docket. Please contact the undersigned if there are questions concerning this filing.

Sincerely,

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