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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W., Room TW-A325
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: ***Notice of Ex Parte Presentation: Transforming the 2.5 GHz Band – WT Docket No. 18-120.***

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On October 24, 2018, James Goldstein, and Gardner Foster, both Senior Counsel, Legal and Government Affairs of Sprint Corporation (“Sprint”), met with Erin McGrath of Commissioner O’Rielly’s office. At this meeting, Sprint reiterated the advocacy positions made in its comments to this proceeding.

Sprint emphasized the continued criticality of its leased 2.5 GHz spectrum and its long-standing mutually beneficial partnership with the EBS community which has enhanced Sprint’s current 4G LTE deployment and will enable its 5G mobile deployment in nine major markets in the first half of 2019. Sprint indicated that there was strong support across both the EBS community and commercial interests for “rationalization” of existing EBS licensees to county-based licenses and how that critical step in licensing 2.5 GHz spectrum would both close operational gaps and lead to more rural deployment at 2.5 GHz. Sprint also explained how census tract-based approaches to rationalization would impair achievement of the Commission’s objectives in this proceeding. Sprint stressed the need to maintain current leasing arrangements given the extensive investments commercial carriers have made in the 2.5 GHz band and the reliance EBS licensees have on the use of those networks. Finally, Sprint reiterated its opposition to the potential use of an incentive auction in this band given the long-term contractual relationships 2.5 GHz carriers have with their EBS partners.

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Pursuant to the Commission's Rules, Sprint files this written notice in the docket in this proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,

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