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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 March 6, 2019, James Goldstein, and Gardner Foster, both Senior Counsel, Legal and Government Affairs of Sprint Corporation (“Sprint”), met with Rachael Bender of Chairman Pai’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 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. Sprint is opposed to any proposal, including the use of an incentive auction that would abrogate or impede the execution of these arrangements. Sprint also reiterated 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.

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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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