FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: PROPOSED TRANSFER OF CONTROL OF SPRINT CORPORATION TO T-MOBILE US, INC.

To whom it may concern:

The following comments are in regards to the proposed merger of T-Mobile and Sprint.

Mach FM Corp. is an FCC licensee with 600 MHz spectrum in South Carolina and Illinois. We are one of the few African-American investor owned spectrum licensees. We neither sought nor received any special benefits or financial support from Hedge Funds or Private Equity.

For years, Mach FM has tried to enter the MVNO services business, utilizing one of the four major carrier’s network. Unfortunately, for years, we have been told no without good cause and without so much as a face to face meeting. No one asked any of the major carriers to contribute capital or anything else that is not a normal part of this transaction. These relationships appear on the surface to be about who you know, as opposed to what value you can bring to the table. We hope this form of exclusion is not discriminatory, but other logical reasons are elusive at this juncture.

More recently, AT&T engaged us in a bare bones conversation about use of their network that took over eight months, only to be told no again. Originally, Mach FM approached AT&T about purchasing Cricket Wireless. AT&T advised us to look at purchasing a “Cricket Store” instead. It should be noted that most prepaid services offered by MVNO’s are heavily concentrated in communities of color and rural America. To our knowledge, members of these communities are not owners of MVNO’s.

If this merger is allowed to consummate, there should be divestiture of at least one, if not all of the three prepaid brands (Virgin, Boost, Metro PCS). These subsidiaries are designed to deploy spare capacity instead of providing value to the areas the purportedly serve. The level of service provided, generic and inexpensive advertising, poor condition of the store exteriors in some areas and number of robberies that take place weekly are indicative of this thesis.

Mach FM is proud of the fact that it has operated without the benefit of government programs. We believe we deserve the same access that others currently enjoy.
Sincerely,

Jaymes Winters
CEO Mach FM Corp.