



March 14, 2018

Via Electronic Submission

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th St., SW, Room TW-A325
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: Ex Parte Communication
Accelerating Wireless Broadband Deployment by Removing Barriers to
Infrastructure Investment, WT Docket No. 17-79**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On March 12, 2018, Charles McKee and I of Sprint met separately with Will Adams, legal advisor to Commissioner Carr; Travis Litman, legal advisor to Commissioner Rosenworcel; and Erin McGrath, legal advisor to Commissioner O’Rielly. We expressed Sprint’s support for the proposed order and discussed the urgent need to reform the historic and environmental review processes that are hindering the deployment of small cells as carriers transition to 5G.

We discussed the size limitations in the draft order that exclude certain small cells from being an undertaking or major federal action and noted the importance of providing a clear and simple definition that can be easily applied. Sprint noted that some cities may require enclosures of more than 3 cubic feet, even when the antenna may be significantly smaller. Sprint urged the Commission to clarify that the size of the antenna, and not the enclosure, is the relevant criteria. Sprint supported the 30 day/15 day timeline for notification, but urged the Commission to ensure that the 15-day reminder notices are dispatched promptly. Sprint also requested that the FCC clarify in the final order the evidentiary requirements for a tribe to proceed to the consultation phase if it believes that a proposed site will have an adverse effect on a historic property.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission’s Rules, a copy of this letter is being filed electronically in the above-referenced docket. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (703) 592-2560.

Sincerely,

/s/ Keith C. Buell

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