August 26, 2019

Marlene H. Dortch, Esq.
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Re: NOTICE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATION – Applications of T-Mobile US, Inc. and Sprint Corporation for Consent to Transfer Control of Licenses and Authorizations, WT Docket No. 18-197

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission’s Rules, this letter serves as notice of oral ex parte communications in the above-captioned docket. On August 23, 2019, Alfred Liggins, III, Chief Executive Officer of Urban One, Inc., (a multi-media company that primarily targets African-Americans and urban consumers through its divisions Radio One, TV One, iOne Digital and Reach Media) and Karen Wishart, the company’s Chief Administrative Officer (collectively “Urban One”) had a telephone conversation with Commissioner Jessica Rosenworcel and Umair Javed, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Rosenworcel, to discuss the above-captioned docket.

Urban One requested that any approval of the proposed merger between T-Mobile and Sprint and the related divestiture of Sprint’s prepaid wireless businesses (Boost Mobile, Virgin Mobile and other prepaid businesses) to DISH Network Corporation (“DISH”) should be conditioned on the requirement that DISH take affirmative and measurable action to demonstrate its commitment to the principles of diversity. DISH’ track record with diversity programs and/or diversity initiatives is questionable. Since many current Boost Mobile customers are minorities, the Commission is strongly encouraged to ensure that their interests are not be harmed by the acquisition by DISH.

Given the scope and the importance of the issues surrounding this proposed merger it is imperative that the public should have the chance to weigh in and comment. Therefore, it is
incumbent upon the Commission to provide transparency of its process and provide a formal opportunity for public commentary and discourse.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Wishart
Chief Administrative Officer