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Bank of Blue Valley

Via Electronic Filing

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: *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:


As President of Bank of Blue Valley, I am writing to express our institution's support for the proposed merger between Sprint and T-Mobile. Bank of Blue Valley believes the combined company will have the necessary resources to deploy a truly nationwide 5G network quickly. Taking advantage of economies of scale, a combined Sprint-T-Mobile will be able to roll out innovative new services such as wireless in-home broadband, which will particularly benefit rural consumers and close the digital divide.

In deploying a 5G network, the combined company will have significant advantages compared to Sprint or T-Mobile operating alone. For example, a combined Sprint-T-Mobile can more efficiently utilize the two companies' existing cell sites and complementary spectrum resources, thereby boosting network throughput, capacity, and coverage. The merged company's combined spectrum holdings will also facilitate a seamless migration of customers from 4G LTE to 5G.

Importantly, the combined company's nationwide 5G network will help connect rural communities, thus narrowing the digital divide. Access to the combined company's faster, more reliable network will allow rural consumers to take fuller advantage of in-home wireless broadband and advanced applications related to telemedicine, precision agriculture, and the Internet of Things.

We feel the combined resources of T-Mobile and Sprint are necessary to effectively accomplish the above referenced goals. For these reasons, Bank of Blue Valley requests that the Federal Communications Commission expeditiously approve the proposed merger.

Respectfully submitted,



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Bank of Blue Valley