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Section 63.71 Application of	)	
Sprint Communications Company L.P.	)	

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SECTION 63.71 APPLICATION

Sprint Communications Company L.P. ("Sprint" or "Applicant") hereby seeks authorization, pursuant to Section 214(a) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (the "Act"), 47 U.S.C. § 214(a), and Section 63.71 of the Federal Communications Commission's ("FCC" or "Commission") rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.71, to cease offering Sprint Message Telecommunications Service ("MTS"), Wide Area Telecommunications Service ("WATS"), Private Line, Toll Free, Switched Data services and the associated Directory Assistance, Operator Service, and FONCARD services and features[1] (collectively, the "Sprint Services") to new customers but continue offering the Sprint Services to existing customers (*i.e.*, Sprint will grandfather the services).[2] In particular, the services to be grandfathered are:

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1 Sprint also will cease to offer its outbound international services and features to new customers but will grandfather those services for existing customers. A copy of this filing is being provided to the International Bureau to meet any notice obligation required by Section 63.19 of the Commission's rules.

2 Sprint is the Telecommunications Relay Service ("TRS") contractor in 32 states and is bound under these contracts to offer Sprint Casual Caller TRS interexchange service to TRS users that are not PICed to a carrier. Sprint is not seeking to grandfather Casual Caller service to TRS system users; rather, Sprint will continue to provide Casual Caller service to TRS system users in states where Sprint is the TRS service provider.

Consumer

MTS a/k/a 1+ long distance
FŌNCARD
Directory Assistance
Operator Service

Business

MTS
WATS
Private Line a/k/a Clearline
FŌNCARD
Toll Free a/k/a 800 Calling
Switched Data Service
Directory Assistance
Operator Service

Sprint seeks to grandfather the currently available Sprint Services listed above on January 5, 2015. The proposed grandfathering will not result in material harm to potential consumer or business customers because they may obtain alternatives from other providers. Customers can purchase many of the Sprint Services in conjunction with local services from their local exchange service provider or from nationwide or regional long distance service providers.

The Applicant provides the following information pursuant to Section 63.71 of the Commission's rules:

1. Name and Address of Carrier: Sprint Communications Company L.P. is located at 6200 Sprint Parkway, Overland Park, Kansas 66251.
2. Date of Planned Service Discontinuance, Reduction, or Impairment: The Applicant plans to grandfather the Sprint Services listed above on January 5, 2015. The Applicant understands that this Application automatically will be granted on the 31st day after public notice of its filing, unless the Commission notifies the Applicant to the contrary.

3. Points of Geographic Areas of Service Affected: Sprint proposes to discontinue the sale of the Sprint Services to new customers in each of the United States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.
4. Brief Description of Type of Service Affected: The Sprint Services affected by this grandfathering are the MTS, WATS, Private Line, Toll Free, Switched Data, Directory Assistance, Operator Service, and FŌNCARD services and features provided to consumer and business customers of Sprint, with the exception of Casual Caller services provided to TRS users in states where Sprint holds the TRS service provider contract.[3]
5. Brief Description of the Dates and Methods of Notice to All Affected Customers: No notice is required for existing customers because their service is not being impacted by this grandfather filing. In accordance with Section 63.71 of the Commission's Rules, a copy of this Application is being mailed to the Special Assistant for Telecommunications for the Secretary of Defense and to the public utility commission and the Governor of each state and territory in which the discontinuance of service is proposed.
6. Whether the Carrier is Considered Dominant or Non-Dominant with Respect to the Service to Be Discontinued, Reduced, or Impaired: Applicant is considered non-dominant with respect to the affected services.

The public convenience and necessity will not be adversely affected by the grandfathering of the Sprint Services in question. Existing customers will be able to continue receiving these services from Sprint. Any other potential customers will readily be able to obtain

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[3] *See* discussion *supra* at footnote 2.

substitute services from a variety of local and interexchange carriers. Sprint, therefore, respectfully requests Commission approval of this Section 63.71 Application. Please direct any questions regarding this Application to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Rhamie Glade, hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing Section 63.71 Application of Sprint Communications Company L.P. was served on this 3rd day of November, 2014, by mailing true and correct copies thereof, postage prepaid, to the following persons at the addresses listed below:

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