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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING (ECFS)

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

RE: **NOTIFICATION OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATION**
In the Matters of Telecommunications Relay Services and Speech-to-Speech Services for Individuals with Hearing and Speech Disabilities, CG Docket No. 03-123; *Structure and Practices of the Video Relay Service Program*, CG Docket No. 10-51

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On December 9, 2014, Scott Freiermuth, in a telephone call with Eliot Greenwald (Disability Rights Office), discussed Sprint Corporation's ("Sprint") outstanding Request for Emergency Temporary Limited Waiver.¹ Sprint notified the Commission that an unanticipated effect of Purple Communications' exit from the IP Relay market is a surge in state relay traffic. Sprint believes some customers, that have not been registered/verified for IP Relay service on Sprint's network, are turning to traditional TRS services on an interim basis until their IP Relay service is restored. As the nation's largest provider of state relay services, this surge in state relay traffic is affecting Sprint's ability to meet state relay service levels. Sprint, therefore, urges the Commission to take this unanticipated effect on state relay traffic into account as it considers Sprint's waiver request. More specifically, Sprint believes that, should the FCC grant Sprint's waiver request, the waiver of 47 C.F.R. 64.604(b)(2)(ii) should also serve as a basis for relief on state relay speed of answer requirements because they are based on federal minimum standards.

This filing is made in accordance with Section 1.1206(b)(1) of the Commission's rules. In the event that there are any questions concerning this matter, please contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Scott R. Freiermuth

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Bob Aldrich
Eliot Greenwald
Greg Hlibok

¹ *In the Matters of Telecommunications Relay Services and Speech-to-Speech Services for Individuals with Hearing and Speech Disabilities*, CG Docket No. 03-123; *Structure and Practices of the Video Relay Service Program*, CG Docket No. 10-51, Request for Emergency Temporary Limited Waiver, filed November 12, 2014.