In the Matter of )
) WC Docket No. 15-_____
Section 63.71 Application of )
Sprint Communications Company L.P. )

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 rules of the Federal Communications Commission (“FCC” or “Commission”), 47 C.F.R. § 63.71, to discontinue its provision of Sprint wireline consumer long-distance services and associated features. The specific Sprint wireline consumer long-distance services and associated features being discontinued are Message Telecommunications Service (i.e., 1+ long distance) (“MTS”), FÔNCARD, Directory Assistance, and Operator Service (collectively, the “Sprint Services”),¹ as well as all consumer pricing plans associated with the Sprint Services.²

In response to changing market conditions, Sprint has decided to terminate its provision of the Sprint Services. On January 5, 2015, Sprint received authority to cease offering the Sprint

¹ Sprint also will cease to provide its outbound international services and features. A copy of this filing is being provided to the International Bureau as an attachment to its notice filed pursuant to Section 63.19 of the Commission’s rules.

² Sprint is the Telecommunications Relay Service (“TRS”) contractor in 35 states and territories 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 discontinue 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.
Services to new customers. At this time, Sprint plans to discontinue its provision of the Sprint Services to its remaining customers effective September 19, 2015, or as soon thereafter as the necessary regulatory approvals are obtained. The proposed discontinuance will not result in material harm to the affected customers because they easily can obtain alternative services from other wireline interexchange carriers. Customers also may purchase substitute long-distance services and features from wireless carriers such as Sprint or from a host of other alternative providers such as interconnected voice over Internet protocol 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 discontinue its provision of the Sprint Services described above effective September 19, 2015, or as soon thereafter in each state as the necessary regulatory approvals can be obtained. The Applicant understands that this Application will be granted automatically on the 31st day after public notice of its filing, unless the Commission notifies the Applicant to the contrary.

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3 See Comments Invited on Application of Sprint Communications Company L.P. to Discontinue Domestic Telecommunications Services, Public Notice, WC Docket No. 14-243, 29 FCC Rcd 14711 (2014) (DA 14-1777). Note that Sprint’s application sought authority to “grandfather” both the Sprint Services and certain services offered to business customers. The instant application relates solely to the consumer Sprint Services outlined above; Sprint will seek to discontinue the business services in question at a later time.
3. **Points of Geographic Areas of Service Affected:** Sprint proposes to discontinue the provision of the Sprint Services in each of the United States, the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

4. **Brief Description of Type of Service Affected:** The Sprint Services affected by this discontinuance include all MTS, Operator, FÔNCARD, and Directory Assistance services and features provided to Sprint consumers, with the exception of Casual Caller services provided to TRS users in states where Sprint holds the TRS service provider contract.4

5. **Brief Description of the Dates and Methods of Notice to All Affected Customers:** In accordance with Section 63.71(a), Sprint provided written notice, by first class mail, to its affected subscribers between June 15, 2015 and June 19, 2015. A sample copy of the notice letter provided to customers is attached hereto as Attachment A.

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.

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 in which the discontinuance of service is proposed.

The public convenience and necessity will not be adversely affected by the discontinuance of the Sprint Services and features in question. All customers have been provided notice that affords them ample time to acquire one of the many substitute services that

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4 See discussion *supra* at footnote 2.
are readily available to them. Sprint, therefore, respectfully requests Commission approval of this Section 63.71 Application. Please direct any questions regarding this Application to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

Sprint Communications Company L.P.

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Dated:  June 19, 2015
Attachment A
June 15, 2015

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IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING DISCONTINUANCE OF SPRINT WIRELINE CONSUMER LONG DISTANCE SERVICES

Account Number:

On September 19, 2015, or as soon thereafter as the necessary regulatory approvals can be obtained, Sprint Communications Company L.P. (“Sprint”) will no longer provide Sprint wireline consumer long distance services and associated features in each of the 50 United States, the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. The specific Sprint wireline consumer long distance services and associated features being discontinued include all domestic and international 1+ dialing from pre-subscribed accounts and casual caller accounts, as well as Operator Services, Directory Assistance, Directory Assistance Calling, FONCARD and all consumer pricing plans associated with the services listed above.

Due to changing market conditions, Sprint has determined that it should discontinue the Sprint wireline consumer long distance services and associated features described above. This discontinuance impacts all of your Sprint 1+ dialed calls. If you choose to have a pre-subscribed long distance carrier, you will need to transition your service by September 19, 2015. In order to do so, you will need to choose another long distance service provider. Note that a new service provider may require approximately two weeks to provision service to you. As a result, we strongly recommend that you select a provider no later than August 19, 2015. If you are not certain of your options for obtaining replacement pre-subscribed long distance service, you should contact your local telephone service provider and ask which carriers are accepting pre-subscribed customers. Sprint will no longer carry any consumer wireline long-distance calls (both interstate and intrastate) after September 19, 2015. This discontinuance does not impact any Sprint wireless services that you have.

Sprint has notified the Federal Communications Commission of its proposed discontinuance of service. The FCC will normally authorize this proposed discontinuance of service (or reduction or impairment) unless it is shown that customers would be unable to receive service or a reasonable substitute from another carrier or that the public convenience and necessity is otherwise adversely affected. If you wish to object, you should file your comments as soon as possible, but no later than 15 days after the Commission releases public notice of the proposed discontinuance. You may file your comments electronically through the FCC’s Electronic Comment Filing System using the docket number established in the Commission's public notice for this proceeding, or you may address them to the Federal Communications Commission, Wireline Competition Bureau, Competition Policy Division, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554, and include in your comments a reference to
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the § 63.71 Application of Sprint Communications Company L.P. Comments should include specific information about the impact of this proposed discontinuance (or reduction or impairment) upon you or your company, including any inability to acquire reasonable substitute service.

We encourage you to select a new long distance provider, by contacting your local telephone company, as soon as possible. Sprint does not have the ability to select another provider for you.

For additional information please visit our web page, www.sprint.com/landlineFAQs. If you have questions concerning this notice, please feel free to contact Sprint via email at business.customer.care@sprint.com, or via telephone at 844-492-4334 Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. EST. We thank you for your business and look forward to continuing to serve you in other capacities.

Sincerely,

Sprint Communications Company L.P.
6200 Sprint Parkway
Overland Park, Kansas 66251
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 19th day of June, 2015, by mailing true and correct copies thereof, postage prepaid, to the following persons at the addresses listed below:

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