

March 14, 2016

Ex Parte

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

***Re: Special Access for Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers;
WC Docket No. 05-25, RM-10593***

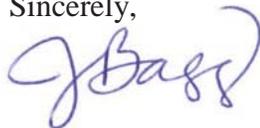
Dear Ms. Dortch:

On March 10, 2016, Charles McKee and Chris Frentrup of Sprint Corporation (“Sprint”) and Paul Margie and I of Harris, Wiltshire & Grannis LLP met with Jonathan Sallet, General Counsel of the FCC, to discuss the above-captioned proceeding.

Specifically, we explained that the comments, reply comments, and economic analyses submitted in this proceeding have established that the incumbent LECs have overwhelming market power in the special access services marketplace. Sprint also discussed the remedies that the Commission should consider in order to address the competitive harms that have arisen as a result of incumbent LEC dominance. In particular, Sprint described how incumbent LEC dominance in the special access marketplace has had a negative impact on wireless competition, which has harmed wireless consumers and impeded technological innovation. Densification of networks, a first step toward 5G, requires appropriate backhaul solutions. Addressing overpriced special access services would spur the evolution toward these 5G technologies.

Pursuant to the Commission’s rules, this letter is being submitted for inclusion in the public record of the above-referenced proceedings.

Sincerely,



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cc: Jonathan Sallet