

May 26, 2016

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

Re: *Impact of 2016 Lifeline Modernization Order, FCC 16-38, on Boost Mobile's
Pending ETC Petition*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On May 25, 2016, Elaine Divelbliss (by phone) and Norina Moy of Sprint Corporation, along with Traci Biswese and the undersigned of this firm, met with Trent Harkrader, Associate Bureau Chief of the Wireline Competition Bureau; Ryan Palmer, Chief of the Telecommunications Access Policy Division; and Jodie Griffin and Christian Hoefly of the Telecommunications Access Policy Division, on behalf of Sprint's Boost Mobile brand ("Boost"). During the meeting, we discussed Boost's pending request that it be designated as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier to provide Lifeline service.

Boost reiterated that approving Boost's Petition would promote competition and broaden customer choice in the Lifeline program, as Boost's affordable and innovative data-centric service offerings would expand the choices available to Lifeline beneficiaries while increasing competition in the Lifeline marketplace. Boost also noted that there are a number of compliance benefits associated with using current Boost sales channels in connection with the Lifeline program. Likewise, Boost described its ability to rely on Sprint's wireless network which enables it to provide facilities-based service to its customers. Further, Boost explained that, because Boost's existing customer base is often low-income and credit challenged, Lifeline carries a number of potential benefits for these customers.

Boost shared its hopes of bringing its experience in providing broadband data access to consumers nationwide to the Lifeline program, and urged the FCC to give prompt consideration to its Petition.

Finally, Boost Mobile noted that there are potential ambiguities in the FCC's newly published Lifeline modernization rules which may require that the Commission issue clarifying guidance.

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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 730-1346, or
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Respectfully submitted,

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