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**EX PARTE**

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Ms. Magalie Roman Salas  
Secretary - FCC  
445 Twelfth St., SW  
Washington, D.C., 20554

Re: Notice of Ex Parte Presentation  
CC Docket Nos. 96-45, 90-571, 92-237, 95-116, 98-171, and 99-200 – In the  
Matter of Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service et al.

Dear Ms. Salas,

On behalf of Sprint, Roger Sherman, Marybeth Banks, Brian Staihr, and I met yesterday with Anita Cheng, Paul Garnett, Greg Guice, Bill Scher, and Katherine Schroder of the Accounting Policy Division of the Common Carrier Bureau and Rose Crellin, April Adams, and Jeff Steinberg of the Wireless Bureau. The policy positions expressed by Sprint were consistent with Sprint's comments filed in this proceeding. Specifically, we explained how Sprint's proposed mechanism for funding USF would address identified problems associated with the current mechanism without creating a major shift in the funding burden from wireline to wireless customers.

In accordance with FCC rules, this letter is being filed electronically in the dockets identified above.

Sincerely,  
/s/  
Pete Sywenki

cc: April Adams  
Anita Cheng  
Rose Crellin  
Paul Garnett  
Greg Guice  
Bill Scher  
Katherine Schroder  
Jeff Steinberg