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Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 Twelfth St., N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service  
(Competitive ETC/Portability Proceeding),  
CC Docket No. 96-45;  
Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, et al.  
(Contributions Proceeding), CC Docket Nos. 96-45, 98-171,  
90-571, 92-237, 99-200, 95-116, and 98-170;**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of Sprint Corporation ("Sprint"), Marybeth Banks, Roger Sherman, and Brian Staihr of Sprint and the undersigned made an *ex parte* presentation today to members of the Wireline Competition Bureau ("WCB") staff and the Federal-State Joint Board staff. Participants in the meeting included Paul Garnett, Tom Buckley, Cara Voth, and Elizabeth Yockus of WCB, and Larry Stevens of the Iowa Utilities Board staff. Sprint representatives addressed issues consistent with Sprint's previous filings regarding the competitive ETC/portability proceeding and the contributions proceeding in the universal service docket.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Respectfully submitted,



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