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Via Electronic Submission

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

***Re: Notice of Ex Parte Communication
Nationwide Programmatic Agreement Regarding the
Section 106 National Historic Preservation Act Review
Process – WT Docket No. 03-128***

Dear Ms. Dortch:

This letter is to inform you that on March 3, 2004, Sprint Senior Attorney, Roger C. Sherman, met with Commissioner Kevin Martin and his Legal Advisor, Sam Feder and Special Assistant, Jason Williams, in regard to the above-referenced proceeding.

Sprint asked that the Commission consider the impact of the Nationwide Programmatic Agreement Regarding the Section 106 National Historic Preservation Act Review Process ("PA") before incorporating the document in its entirety into the FCC's rules. Sprint urged the Commission to take steps to ensure that the PA actually streamlines the tower siting process. Sprint noted that the best way to achieve real improvements in the tower siting process would be to (1) enforce the "thirty-day rule" for Section 106 review by State Historic Preservation Officers ("SHPOs"); (2) adopt clear exclusions from historic review, including maintenance of the "industrial area" and right-of-way exclusions in the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking; and (3) avoid imposing unnecessary costs and requirements on licensees/applicants.

Sprint also asked that the Commission take steps to limit the universe of properties that must be considered by applicants/licensees when proposing to construct a new wireless facility as required by statute.

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Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, this letter is being electronically filed with your office. Please associate this letter with the file in the above-referenced proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Roger C. Sherman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Roger" being more prominent.

Roger C. Sherman

cc: Commissioner Kevin Martin
Sam Feder
Jason Williams