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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, SW
Room TWB-204
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Notice of Ex Parte Communication

Unbundled Access to Network Elements, WC Docket No. 04-313

Review of the Section 251 Unbundling Obligations of Incumbent Local
Exchange Carriers, CC Docket No. 01-338

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of Sprint Corporation, Dick Juhnke and I met yesterday with Gail Cohen, Ian Dillner, Russ Hanser, Jeremy Miller, Tom Navin, Carol Simpson, and Tim Stelzig of the Wireline Competition Bureau. Bureau interns Chris Cantor and Christina also joined the meeting. Cathy Zima of the Industry Analysis & Technology Division joined by telephone. Also connected by telephone were the following Sprint representatives: Jim Appleby, Jim Burt, Joe Cowin, Kent Dickerson, Mike Maples, Jim Sichter, Craig Smith, and Pete Sywenki.

Sprint summarized its positions, consistent with its comments filed October 4, 2004 in these dockets. In particular, Sprint emphasized that unbundled access to high-capacity loops and transport is critical to competitive entry into the local telecommunications market. The record developed in state proceedings confirms the Commission's finding that requesting carriers are universally impaired below the thresholds set in the Triennial Review Order, as there are at best very minimal self-deployment or wholesale alternatives. Sprint also explained that special access is not an adequate substitute for access to unbundled network elements, either for wireline local/long distance or CMRS services.

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, I am filing electronic copies of this notice for addition to these dockets.

Sincerely,

John E. Benedict

cc: Gail Cohen Tom Navin Chris Cantor
Ian Dillner Carol Simpson Christina Langlois
Russ Hanser Tim Stelzig
Jeremy Miller Cathy Zima