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Re: **REDACTED -- FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION**
Applications for Consent to the Transfer of Control of Licenses and
Authorizations from Nextel Communications, Inc. to Sprint Corporation

WT Docket No. 05-63

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On April 27, 2005, undersigned counsel for Sprint Corporation ("Sprint") spoke by phone with Mr. Kent Nilsson of the Commission's Office of Engineering and Technology and provided him with the following information regarding the facilities used to connect Sprint's PCS service with the public switched network. Because certain of the information discussed in the conversation is confidential, the confidential version of this letter was filed simultaneously under seal and subject to the Protective Order adopted by the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau in the above-captioned proceeding.¹ The confidential version of this letter is marked "Copying Prohibited," in accordance with paragraph 6 of Appendix A of the Protective Order. The confidential information has been redacted from this letter and is therefore filed for the public record for this proceeding.

Undersigned counsel for Sprint explained that it is dependent on ILEC special access loop facilities (which are nearly always ordered in DS1 units) to reach virtually all of its PCS cell sites. If the PCS Mobile Switching Center ("MSC") is reached by a Sprint Long Distance division Metropolitan Area Network ("MAN") (see discussion below), some or all of the transport between the MSC and the cell site's ILEC serving wire center will be provided by Sprint's MANs. A PCS-originated local call to a customer of a wireline ILEC with whom Sprint PCS has an interconnection agreement

¹ See *Applications for Consent to the Transfer of Control of Licenses and Section 214 Authorizations from Nextel Communications, Inc. and its Subsidiaries to Sprint Corporation*, WT Docket No. 05-63, Order, DA 05-423, ¶ 2 and Appendix A (Feb. 16, 2005) ("Protective Order").

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would use ILEC-supplied interconnection trunks. PCS-originated long distance calls are routed from the Sprint PCS MSC to the Sprint Long Distance POP for onward transmission on Sprint's nationwide landline network. Currently, [--]% of the MSCs are connected to Sprint's MANs, while the other [--]% of the MSCs use ILEC facilities to connect the MSC to Sprint's Long Distance POPs. There are plans in place to shift, over the next two years, another [--]% of the total MSCs from ILEC facilities to Sprint's MANs. Where Sprint PCS has more than one MSC within the same metropolitan area, the MANs are also used to transport calls partially (or totally) between the two MSCs if one (or both) of the MSCs is connected to the MANs.

The unredacted, confidential version of this letter also is being hand delivered to Louis Peraertz, Spectrum and Competition Policy Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, as required by the Protective Order. The confidential version of this letter will be made available for public inspection pursuant to the terms of the Protective Order. Arrangements for inspection may be made by contacting the Michael G. Jones, outside counsel for Sprint Corporation, at 202-303-1000 or mjones@willkie.com.

Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned should you have any questions regarding this submission.

Respectfully submitted,



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