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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Room TW-A325
Washington, DC 20554

In the Matter of: Nomination for Universal Service Administrative Company Board of Directors, CC Docket Nos. 97-21 and 96-45

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to the Commission's Public Notice DA 06-2325, Sprint Nextel nominates Anna M. Gomez to the Board of Directors of the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) for the term beginning January 1, 2007. Ms. Gomez would represent interexchange carriers (IXC) with more than \$3 billion in annual operating revenues.

Ms. Gomez is extremely well-qualified to sit on the USAC Board. She served at the Commission for over eleven years in numerous leadership capacities, including as the Federal Staff Chair of the Joint Board on Universal Service during the implementation of the Telecommunications Act of 1996; Deputy Chief of the International Bureau; and Chief of the Network Services Division of the Common Carrier Bureau. She currently is Vice President, Government Affairs-Telecom at Sprint Nextel, with substantive responsibility for universal service, interconnection and intercarrier compensation issues. Given her extensive telecommunications experience in both the public and private sectors, and her senior management position at the only independent large IXC, Ms. Gomez would bring a unique and balanced perspective to Board deliberations. She also is committed to fair and bilateral communication with the other large IXCs that she seeks to represent. Ms. Gomez's professional biography is attached to this letter.

I urge the Commission to appoint Ms. Gomez to the USAC Board of Directors.

Sincerely,

Robert S. Foosaner

Cc: Kevin J. Martin, Chairman
Thomas Navin, Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau
Antoinette Stevens, Wireline Competition Bureau

Anna M. Gomez
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Anna M. Gomez is Vice President, Government Affairs – Telecom at Sprint Nextel Corporation. In that capacity, Ms. Gomez advocates for Sprint Nextel on federal regulatory issues that affect both the wireless and wireline assets, including universal service, intercarrier compensation, interconnection, and IP-enabled services.

Prior to joining Sprint Nextel, Ms. Gomez held several positions at the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), including Deputy Chief of the International Bureau and Senior Legal Advisor to then Chairman William E. Kennard. Other positions that Ms. Gomez held at the FCC include Deputy Chief and Chief of the Network Services Division, Common Carrier Bureau, Federal Staff Chair to the Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, Legal Counsel to the Chief of the Common Carrier Bureau, and Attorney Advisor in the Consumer Protection Division of the Cable Services Bureau.

Ms. Gomez left the FCC to serve briefly as Counsel to the Senate Commerce Committee's Telecommunications Subcommittee before moving on to the White House to serve as Deputy Chief of Staff at the White House's National Economic Council. Prior to joining the FCC, Ms. Gomez was an associate at Arnold and Porter.

Ms. Gomez holds a B.A. from Pennsylvania State University and a J.D. from George Washington University's National Law Center.