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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W., Room TW-A235
Washington, DC 20554

Re: In the Matter of High-Cost Universal Service Support, WC Docket No. 05-337
and Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Enclosed for filing please find Sprint Nextel Corporation's (Sprint Nextel) Comments in the above-referenced proceedings.

As described in more detail in its Comments, Sprint Nextel believes that the proposals put forth in the three Notices of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) do not adequately address the many problems the NPRMs identify in the Commission's High Cost Support (HCS) programs. Moreover, these NPRMs do not allow for a comprehensive review of the current system, inasmuch as they focus on only one industry segment of HCS recipients. A new, more comprehensive proposal is needed that can introduce reform sooner and in a practical way and treats HCS program participants equitably.

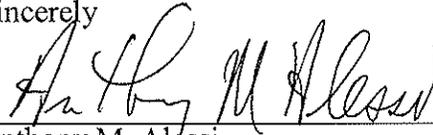
Sprint Nextel is developing such a plan in the hope of advancing the joint effort to accomplish meaningful HCS reform. Sprint Nextel anticipates providing its proposal to the Commission in the near future.

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Please do not hesitate to call me if you have any questions regarding Sprint Nextel's Comments and the progress of its HCS reform proposal.

Sincerely

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