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445 12th Street, S.W.
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**Re: *EX PARTE* PRESENTATION: Sprint Communications Company L.P.,
Application for the Section 63.71 Discontinuance of 900 Transport Service
WC Docket No. 08-116 Comp. Pol. File No. 871.**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

In its Comments filed on August 6, 2008 in the above-referenced Docket and clarified in an *ex parte* letter filed August 12, 2008, Sprint Communications Company L.P. ("Sprint") stated that it would return all 10,000 numbers within each of the 900-NPA codes it had been assigned by the North American Numbering Plan Administration (NANPA) with the exception of the 10,000 numbers in the 900-230 code.¹

Sprint wishes to inform the Commission that it is now ready to return such numbers to the pool. Alternatively, Sprint can transfer the numbers to another qualified 900 service provider. In fact, Sprint has been contacted by ICN, Ltd, which according to its website www.icnlt.com (last visited October 2, 2008) is "one of the largest 800/900 interactive telephone/fax Service Bureaus in the United States," asking that Sprint transfer the numbers directly to ICN.

Sprint's application to exit the 900 transport market was not automatically granted in large part because two of Sprint's then 4 remaining customers alleged that there were no reasonable alternatives to Sprint's 900 transport service and that they would not be able to retain their currently assigned 900 numbers with a alternative provider. The allegation that there are no

¹ Sprint has previously explained why, as a provider of TRS service, it needs to keep the numbers in the 900-230 code. See Letter dated June 27, 2008 to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary FCC from Michael B. Fingerhut, Director Government Affairs for Sprint at 2; Sprint Comments filed August 6, 2008 at 5; and Sprint's August 12, 2008 *ex parte* Letter at 1-2.

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other carriers providing 900 transport service in the market is demonstrably false. Moreover, even assuming, *arguendo*, that the risk of customers losing their assigned 900 numbers justified rejecting the automatic grant of Sprint's application – but see *AT&T Communications' Application to Discontinue Domestic Telecommunications Services*, 18 FCC Rcd 24376 (2003) – such justification disappears in light of Sprint's decision to relinquish most of its currently assigned 900 numbers.

In short, there is no longer any valid reason to delay Sprint's exit from the 900 transport service market, and Sprint respectfully requests that the FCC grant Sprint's application as quickly as possible so that it can return the numbers to the pool or transfer them to another provider.

Respectfully submitted,



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