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Via Electronic Submission

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th St., SW, Room TW-A325
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: Ex Parte Communication
Sprint Spectrum, L.P. Petition for Declaratory Ruling,
WC Docket Nos. 03-109 and 07-138**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On March 18, 2009, I met with Jennifer McKee, Alex Minard, Beth McCarthy, Romanda Williams and Gina Spade (by telephone) of the Wireline Competition Bureau, to discuss application of the Lifeline discount. Consistent with its petition for declaratory ruling and other filings in this proceeding, Sprint explained why the FCC's rules require that the Lifeline discount be applied to a wireless ETC's lowest generally available residential rate. Sprint also pointed to the Joint Board's *Recommended Decision* that the Lifeline rate must be the carrier's "lowest comparable non-Lifeline rate" less the Lifeline discount.¹

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (703) 433-4503.

Sincerely,

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Director, Government Affairs

cc: Jennifer McKee
Alex Minard
Beth McCarthy
Romanda Williams
Gina Spade

¹ *Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, Recommended Decision*, 12 FCC Rcd 87, 303 (1996).