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Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW,
Washington D.C. 20554

**Re: *EX PARTE PRESENTATION --Telecommunications Relay Services And
Speech-to-Speech Services for Individuals with Hearing and Speech
Disabilities, CG Docket No. 03-123***

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On November 4, 2008, Michael Ellis, Director, Government Systems Division for Sprint and the undersigned met with Tom Chandler, Chief of the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau's Disabilities Rights Office ("DRO"), Greg Hlibok and Diane Mason, both DRO staff attorneys. The purpose of meeting was to discuss certain pending issues in the above-referenced docket. Specifically,

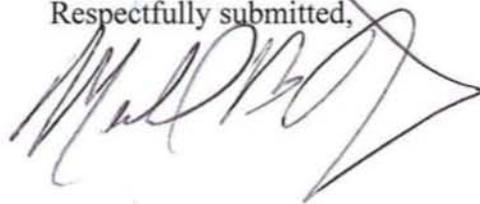
- Sprint set forth its position on the pending petition by Purple Communications, Inc. requesting an extension of the November 12, 2009 deadline by which users of IP Relay would have to obtain a 10-digit number in order to continue to use the service. Sprint explained that while the number of IP Relay users who had obtained 10-digit numbers was disappointing, especially given the resources Sprint has expended to inform users of the service of the need to do so if they wanted to continue to use IP Relay after November 12, it did not believe that a further extension in the deadline would appreciably increase the "take rate."
- Sprint explained that quick action on the pending petition to Mandate Captioned Telephone Relay Service filed jointly by several organizations representing the interests of deaf, hard-of-hearing and late-deafened Americans was necessary given the fact that

the State of California believes it can require a CapTel CA to inform the called party of the fact that the calling party is using a relay service. In this regard, Sprint informed the FCC staff that California's Office of the Attorney General had recently issued a letter claiming that the requirement was lawful under California law. The letter may be obtained at http://fjallfoss.fcc.gov/prod/ecfs/retrieve.cgi?native_or_pdf=pdf&id_document=7020244324

- Sprint discussed Sorenson's recent petition requesting that the FCC establish a rule barring providers from seeking compensation from the Fund for VRS calls made by their deaf and hard of hearing employees.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marlene H. Dortch", written over a large, faint, stylized graphic element that resembles a large, thin-lined letter 'D' or a similar shape.

cc: Thomas Chandler
Greg Hlibok
Diane Mason