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Via Electronic Submission

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W., Room TW-A325
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: ***Notice of Oral Ex Parte Communication***
*Reexamination of Roaming Obligations of Commercial Mobile Radio Service
Providers, WT Docket No. 05-265*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

This letter is to inform you that on December 16, 2009, Sprint Nextel Corporation ("Sprint"), through its representatives Charles W. McKee and Maria L. Cattafesta, met with Ruth Milkman, James Schlichting, Paul Murray and Nese Guendelsberger of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau regarding the above-referenced proceeding.

Consistent with its Petition for Reconsideration and related filings in this docket, Sprint argued that the Commission should modify its rules and permanently eliminate the in-market exception to the automatic roaming requirement. Specifically, Sprint explained that imposing Section 201 and 202 common carrier obligations on some commercial mobile radio service carriers, but not others, distorts competition and creates inherent inequities in the mobile wireless market. Furthermore, Sprint pointed out that requiring a license holder to build out 100 percent of its licensed geography may not be economically feasible or efficient in some areas given low population densities and recent changes to the Universal Service high cost support system. Sprint also discussed why various alternative proposals may not relieve these concerns.

In addition, Sprint mentioned that it has opposed the extension of the automatic roaming requirement to data services, but is in the process of reassessing its position. The parties then discussed the jurisdictional issues surrounding the Commission's authority to impose Title II common carrier obligations on providers of automatic data roaming services.

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Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, this letter is being electronically filed with your office. Please let us know if you have any questions regarding this filing.

Respectfully submitted,

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