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***Via Electronic Submission***

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

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

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Sprint Nextel Corporation (“Sprint”) submits the following data from *CTIA’s June 2009 Wireless Industry Indices*<sup>1</sup> to highlight the importance of roaming to both carriers and consumers. The most recent report released in November 2009 provides data for the period January 1, 2009 to June 30, 2009.

- ***Roaming Revenues:*** Reported roaming revenues for the first half of 2009 amounted to \$1,585,993,000.<sup>2</sup> Reported annual roaming revenues for the period July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009 totaled \$3,546,748,089.<sup>3</sup>
- ***Roaming Billable Calls:*** Reported roaming billable calls for the first half of 2009 totaled 6,968,015,896, which was up 43 percent from 4,872,057,331 roaming billable calls for the first half of 2008.<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> *CTIA’s Wireless Industry Indices, Semi-Annual Data Survey Results: A Comprehensive Report From CTIA Analyzing the U.S. Wireless Industry, Mid-Year 2009 Results*, rel. Nov. 2009.

<sup>2</sup> *Id.* at 94.

<sup>3</sup> *Id.* at 7.

<sup>4</sup> *Id.* at 183-4.

- **Roaming Billable Minutes:** Roaming billable minutes of use (“MOUs”) for the first half of 2009 totaled 66,382,209,607,<sup>5</sup> which represents 6.1 percent of all reported MOUs for that same period.<sup>6</sup> This is a significant increase from the 59,706,618,593<sup>7</sup> roaming billable MOUs reported for the first half of 2008, which represents 5.3 percent of all reported MOUs for that period.<sup>8</sup>

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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<sup>5</sup> *Id.* at 184.

<sup>6</sup> *Id.* at 183.

<sup>7</sup> *Id.* at 184.

<sup>8</sup> *Id.* at 187.