

**Before the  
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 20554**

In the Matter of )  
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Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service ) CC Docket No. 96-45  
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Sprint Corporation )  
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Petitions for Designation as an Eligible )  
Telecommunications Carrier in the States of )  
Florida, North Carolina and Tennessee )

**NOTICE OF RELINQUISHMENT OF  
ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER DESIGNATIONS**

Sprint Nextel Corporation, pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 214(e)(4) and 47 C.F.R. § 54.205, hereby respectfully notifies the Federal Communications Commission (Commission) of the relinquishment of Sprint Corporation's eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) designations in Florida, North Carolina and Tennessee, effective December 31, 2010. In support of this notice of relinquishment, Sprint states as follows.

In 2003, Sprint Corporation filed applications for designation as an ETC in certain areas served by non-rural telephone companies in Florida (October 10, 2003); North Carolina (November 5, 2003); and Tennessee (September 3, 2003). On November 18, 2004, the Commission granted those applications.<sup>1</sup> Sprint has operated as an ETC in these states from that date to the present.

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<sup>1</sup> *Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, Sprint Corporation*, 19 FCC Rcd 22663 (2004).

In WT Docket No. 08-94, Sprint agreed to reduce its federal high-cost universal service fund (USF) support in five equal increments beginning in January 2009.<sup>2</sup> On September 3, 2010, the Commission released an order providing instructions for implementing this commitment.<sup>3</sup> Among other things, the *Implementation Order* specified that Sprint could meet its high-cost USF phase-out obligation through “line loss, relinquishment of ETC status, or other circumstances...”<sup>4</sup> Sprint’s actual high-cost USF support for 2009, and its projected high-cost USF support for 2010, are below the allowable cap for those years; thus, no further action is required for those years.

In order to meet the phase-out requirement for 2011, however, Sprint will be required to take additional steps to reduce its high-cost receipts. In compliance with the FCC’s *Implementation Order*, Sprint has decided to relinquish its ETC designations in Florida, North Carolina, and Tennessee as of December 31, 2010.<sup>5</sup> Although Sprint will no longer receive federal high cost USF in Florida, North Carolina and Tennessee after December 31, 2010, it plans to continue to provide wireless service in all of its designated areas in these states as a non-ETC. Existing subscribers will be able to continue receiving wireless service from Sprint on a non-ETC basis.

47 U.S.C. § 214(e)(4) states in relevant part:

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<sup>2</sup> *Sprint Nextel Corp. and Clearwire Corporation, Applications For Consent to Transfer Control of Licenses, Leases, and Authorizations*, WT Docket No. 08-94, 23 FCC Red 17570 (2008).

<sup>3</sup> *In the Matter of High-Cost Universal Service Support*, WC Docket No. 05-337, *Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, Request for Review of Decision of Universal Service Administrator by Corr Wireless Communications, LLC*, CC Docket No. 96-45, *Order* released Sept. 3, 2010 (FCC 10-155) (“*Implementation Order*”).

<sup>4</sup> *Id.*, n. 39.

<sup>5</sup> Sprint will be filing notices of ETC relinquishment in several other states as well (each effective December 31, 2010) in order to meet the balance of its 2011 phase-out obligation.

A State commission (or the Commission in the case of a common carrier designated under paragraph (6)) shall permit an eligible telecommunications carrier to relinquish its designation as such a carrier in any area served by more than one eligible telecommunications carrier. An eligible telecommunications carrier that seeks to relinquish its eligible telecommunications carrier designation for an area served by more than one eligible telecommunications carrier shall give advance notice to the State commission (or the Commission in the case of a common carrier designated under paragraph (6)) of such relinquishment. Prior to permitting a telecommunications carrier designated as an eligible telecommunications carrier to cease providing universal service in an area served by more than one eligible telecommunications carrier, the State commission (or the Commission in the case of a common carrier designated under paragraph (6)) shall require the remaining eligible telecommunications carrier or carriers to ensure that all customers served by the relinquishing carrier will continue to be served, and shall require sufficient notice to permit the purchase or construction of adequate facilities by any remaining eligible telecommunications carrier.

*See also 47 C.F.R. § 54.205(a) and (b).*

Attached are lists, by wire center, of the incumbent local exchange carrier ETCs providing service in Sprint Corporation's designated areas in Florida, North Carolina and Tennessee (*see* Attachments A, B and C). Following relinquishment of Sprint's ETC designations, there will continue to be at least one ETC in each of the study areas identified in these attachments. Therefore, there is no bar to prevent Sprint Corporation from relinquishing its ETC designations in Florida, North Carolina and Tennessee. To the best of Sprint's knowledge, none of the remaining ETCs will be required to purchase or construct additional facilities to continue providing service within the study areas set forth in Attachments A, B and C. Because other ETCs currently serve the entire areas in which Sprint Corporation is designated as an ETC in Florida, North Carolina and Tennessee, the Commission need not provide notice to those carriers to permit them to

purchase or construct facilities to ensure that Sprint's customers will continue to receive service.<sup>6</sup>

Upon acceptance of its relinquishments, Sprint will provide written notice by US mail to each of its then-current Lifeline customers in Florida, North Carolina and Tennessee advising that Sprint will no longer provide service discounts as an ETC. The notice will inform these customers that the monthly Lifeline credit will be discontinued within 45 days. Sprint will offer each of these customers the option of continuing to receive the same service from Sprint, or selecting an alternative calling plan. The notice will further inform each customer that Lifeline discounted service may be obtained from one of the remaining ETCs in the area. After December 31, 2010, Sprint will not activate any new Lifeline subscribers in Florida, North Carolina or Tennessee.

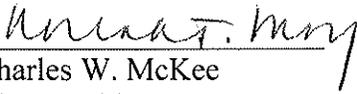
For the reasons set forth above, Sprint Corporation respectfully request that the Commission accept the relinquishment of its ETC designations in Florida, North Carolina and Tennessee, effective December 31, 2010.

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<sup>6</sup> As noted above, Sprint will continue to provide service in these areas although it will no longer receive high-cost USF support.

Respectfully submitted,

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**Attachment A**  
**ETCs in Florida Study Areas Subject to Relinquishment by Sprint Corp.**

Verizon Florida Inc., in the following wire centers:

ABDLFLXA	ALTRFLXA	BARTFLXA
BRBAFLXA	BRTNFLXX	PLSLFLXA
ANMRFLEXA	STGRFLXA	CLWRFLXA
CNSDFLXA	DNDNFLXA	INRKFLXX
PNLSFLXA	ENWDFLXA	FRSTFLXA
DUNDFLXA	HNCYFLXA	HNCYFLXN
POINFLXA	HDSNFLXA	MNLKFLXA
INLKFLXA	BBPKFLXA	LKWFLXA
LKWFLXE	LKLDFLXA	LKLDFLXE
LKLDFLXN	HGLDFLXA	LRGOFLXA
BRJTFLXA	MLBYFLXA	MYCYFLXA
NRPTFLXA	NPRCFLXA	SNSPFLXA
PLMTFLXA	PRSHFLXA	PTCYFLXA
PNCRFLXA	PKCYFLXA	NRSDFLXA
SPRGFLXA	SRSTFLXA	SSDSFLXA
SARKFLXA	SEKYFLXA	LGBKFLXA
BAYUFLXA	FHSDFLXA	GNDYFLXA
LLMNFLXA	NGBHFLXA	PSDNFLXA
SKWYFLXA	SPBGFLXA	SPBGFLXS
SGBEFLXA	THNTFLXA	BRNDFLXA
KYSTFLXA	OLDSFLXA	CRWDFLXA
SLSPFLXA	TMTRFLXA	UNVRFLXA
ALFAFLXA	BHPKFLXA	HYPKFLXA
SMNLFLXA	SWTHFLXA	TAMPFLXA
TAMPFLXX	WLCRFLXA	WSSDFLXA
YBCTFLXA	LNLKFLXA	LUTZFLXA
WLCHFLXA	RSKNFLXA	WIMMFLXA
TRSPFLXA	VENCFLXA	VENCFLXS
OSPRFLXA	LKALFLXA	WNHNFLXC
CYGRFLXA	ZPHYFLXA	

BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., in the following wire centers:

ARCHFLMA	BLDWFLMA	BLGLFLMA
BCRTFLBT	BCRTFLMA	BCRTFLSA
BYBHFLMA	BRSNFLMA	BKVLFLJF
BNNLFLMA	CNTMFLLE	CDKYFLMA
CFLDFLMA	CHPLFLJA	COCOFLMA
CCBHFLAF	CCBHFLMA	PMBHFLCS
CSCYFLBA	DYBHFLFN	DYBHFLMA
DYBHFLBO	DYBHFLPO	DYBHFLS
DBRYFLMA	DRBHFLMA	DELDFLMA
DLSPFLMA	DLBHFLKP	DLBHFLMA

DRBYFLDL  
EGLLFLBG  
FLBHFLMA  
FTLDFLCR  
FTLDFLMR  
FTLDFLSG  
GSVLFLMA  
GLBRFLMC  
HBSDFLMA  
HLWDFLMA  
HMSTFLEA  
JCBHFLMA  
JCVLFLAR  
JCVLFLFC  
JCVLFLLF  
JCVLFLRV  
JCVLFLWC  
MNDRFLLW  
NKLRFLMA  
KYWSFLMA  
ISLMFLMA  
LKMRFLMA  
MLBRFLMA  
MIAMFLAL  
MIAMFLBC  
MIAMFLFL  
MIAMFLNS  
MIAMFLPL  
MIAMFLSO  
MIAMFLGR  
MIAMFLME  
MICCFLBB  
MNSNFLMA  
NDADFLBR  
NSBHFLMA  
ORPKFLMA  
ORLDFLCL  
ORLDFLPH  
PACEFLPV  
PLCSFLMA  
GCSPFLCN  
PNSCFLHC  
PRRNFLMA  
PNVDFLMA  
PMBHFLMA  
HTISFLMA

DNLNFLWM  
EGLLFLIH  
FTGRFLMA  
FTLDFLCY  
FTLDFLQA  
FTLDFLSU  
GSVLFLNW  
HAVNFLMA  
HLNVFLMA  
HLWDFLPE  
HMSTFLHM  
JCBHFLAB  
JCVLFLBW  
JCVLFLIA  
JCVLFLNO  
JCVLFLSJ  
MNDRFLAV  
JPTRFLMA  
BGPIFLMA  
MRTHFLVE  
KYHGFLMA  
LYHNFLOH  
COCOFLME  
MIAMFLAP  
MIAMFLBR  
MIAMFLHL  
MIAMFLOL  
MIAMFLRR  
MIAMFLWD  
MIAMFLIC  
MIAMFLDB  
MDBGFLPM  
NWBYFLMA  
NDADFLGG  
OKHLFLMA  
ORPKFLRW  
ORLDFLMA  
ORLDFLSA  
PAHKFLMA  
PNCYFLCA  
PNSCFLBL  
PNSCFLPB  
PRSNFLFD  
PMPKFLMA  
PMBHFLTA  
PTSLFLMA

EORNFLMA  
FRBHFLFP  
FTPRFLMA  
FTLDFLJA  
FTLDFLPL  
FTLDFLWN  
GENVFLMA  
HWTHFLMA  
HLWDFLHA  
HLWDFLWH  
HMSTFLNA  
JCBHFLSP  
JCVLFLCL  
JCVLFLJT  
JCVLFLOW  
JCVLFLSM  
MNDRFLLO  
KYLRFLLS  
KYLRFLMA  
SGKYFLMA  
LKCFLMA  
MXVLFLMA  
MIAMFLAE  
MIAMFLBA  
MIAMFLCA  
MIAMFLNM  
MIAMFLPB  
MIAMFLSH  
MIAMFLWM  
MIAMFLKE  
MCNPFLMA  
MLTNFLRA  
NDADFLAC  
NDADFLLOL  
OLTWFLLN  
ORLDFLAP  
ORLDFLPC  
OVIDFLCA  
PLTKFLMA  
PNCYFLMA  
PNSCFLFP  
PNSCFLWA  
PCBHFLNT  
PMBHFLFE  
PMBHFLNP  
PTSLFLSO

SNFRFLMA  
STAGFLWG  
STAGFLSH  
TTVLFLMA  
VRBHFLBE  
WWSPFLSH  
WPBHFLGA  
WPBHFLLE  
YNTWFLMA

SBSTFLFE  
STAGFLBS  
STRNFLMA  
TRENFLMA  
VRBHFLMA  
WELKFLMA  
WPBHFLGR  
WPBHFLRB  
YNFNFLMA

SBSTFLMA  
STAGFLMA  
SYHSFLCC  
VERNFLMA  
WWSPFLHI  
WPBHFLAN  
WPBHFLHH  
WPBHFLRP  
YULEFLMA

**Attachment B**  
**ETCs in North Carolina Study Areas Subject to Relinquishment by Sprint Corp.**

BellSouth Telecommunications (SAC 235193), in the following wire centers:

ARSNNCMA	APEXNCCE	BLMTNCCE
BSCYNCMA	BURLNCDA	BURLNCEL
BURLNCHA	CRBHNCCE	CARYNCCE
CARYNCWS	CLMTNCMA	CPHLNCRO
CHRLNCBO	CHRLNCCA	CHRLNCCE
CHRLNCCR	CHRLNCDE	CHRLNCER
CHRLNCMI	CHRLNCRE	CHRLNCSH
CHRLNCTH	CHRLNCUN	CHRLNCOD
CHRLNCLP	CHVLNCCE	CLEVNCMA
DVSNNCPO	DNVRNCMA	ELBONCMA
FAMTNCMA	GSTANCDA	GSTANCSO
GTWDNCMA	GBSNNCMA	GLBONCMA
GNHMNCMA	GNBONCAP	GNBONCAS
GNBONCEU	GNBONCHO	GNBONCLA
GNBONCMC	GNBONCPG	GRVRNCMA
HMLTNCMA	HSVLCNCCE	JULNNCMA
KGMTNCMA	KNDLNCCE	LTMRNCCE
LRBGNCMA	LNTNNCMA	LNTNNCVA
LCSTNCMA	LWLLNCMA	LMTNNCMA
MADNNCCE	MLTNNCMA	MNTINCMA
MTHLNCMA	MTOLNCCE	PMBRNCCE
RLGHNCDU	RLGHNCGA	RLGHNCGL
RLGHNCHO	RLGHNCJO	RLGHNCMO
RLGHNCSE	RLGHNCSE	RDVLNCMA
RDVLNCSE	RCHMNCMA	RWLDNCMA
RFFNNCMA	SLBRNCMA	SXPHNCMA
SELMNCMA	SHLBNCMA	STNLNCCE
SSVLNCMA	SSVLNCJE	STPNNCMA
SRFDNCCE	TRMNNCMA	WNDLNCPI
WNSLNCAR	WNSLNCCL	WNSLNCFI
WNSLNCGL	WNSLNCLE	WNSLNCVI
WNSLNCWA	WNSLNCWH	WVVLNCMA
ZBLNNCCE		

Verizon South Inc., NC (SAC 230479), in the following wire centers:

ATLNNCXA	CRDMNCXA	CRDMNCXM
DRHMNCXB	DRHMNCXC	DRHMNCXD
DRHMNCXG	DRHMNCXA	DRHMNCXM
DRHMNCXT	GSCKNCA	MONRNCXA
DRHMNCXE	DRHMNCXH	

North State Telephone Co. (SAC 230491), in the following wire centers:

HGPNNCXA

HGPNNCXD

HGPNNCXC

HGPNNCXE

HGPNNCXF

RNMNNCXA

THVLNCXA

**Attachment C**  
**ETCs in Tennessee Study Areas Subject to Relinquishment by Sprint Corp.**

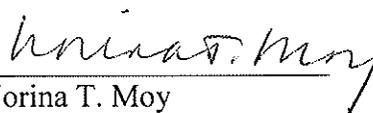
BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., in the following wire centers:

ACHLTNMT	JCSNTNNS	NSVLTNWC
ARTNTNMT	JFCYTNMA	NSVLTNWM
ASCYTNMA	JSPRTNMT	NWBRTNMA
ATHNTNMA	KGTNTNMT	NWPTTNMT
BLGPTNMA	KNVLTNBE	OKRGTNMT
BLLSTNMA	KNVLTNFC	OLHCTNMA
BLNCTNMT	KNVLTNMA	OLSPTNMA
BNTNTNMT	KNVLTNWH	PLSKTNMA
BWVLTNMA	KNVLTNYH	PSVWTNMT
CHRLTNMT	LBNNTNMA	PTLDTNMA
CHTGTNBR	LFLTNTNMA	RDGLTNMA
CHTGTNDT	LKCYTNMA	RKWDTNMA
CHTGTNHT	LNCYTNMA	RPLYTNMA
CHTGTNMV	LODNTNMA	RRVLTNMA
CHTGTNNS	LWBGTNMA	SANGTNMT
CHTGTNRB	LXTNTNMA	SDDSTNMA
CHTGTNRO	LYBGTNMT	SEWNTNMW
CHTGTNSE	LYLSTNMA	SHVLTNMA
CHTGTNSM	LYVLTNMA	SMYRTNMA
CHTNTNMT	MAVLTNMA	SNTFTNMA
CLEVTNMA	MCWNTNMT	SOLVTNMT
CLMATNMA	MDVITNMT	SPBGTNMA
CLTNTNMA	MEDNTNMA	SPFDTNMA
CLVLTNMA	MILNTNMA	SPHLTNMT
CMDNTNMA	MMPHTNBA	SRVLTNMA
CNVLTNMA	MMPHTNCK	SVVLTNMT
CRPLTNMA	MMPHTNCT	SWTWTNMT
CRHTNMA	MMPHTNEL	TPVLTNMA
CRVLTNMA	MMPHTNFR	TLLHTNMA
CULKTNMA	MMPHTNGT	TRINTNMA
CVTNTNMT	MMPHTNHP	TROYTNMT
DKSNTNMT	MMPHTNMA	TRTNTNMA
DNRGTNMA	MMPHTNMT	UNCYTNMA
DYBGTNMA	MMPHTNOA	WHBLTNMT
DYTNTNMA	MMPHTNSL	WHHSTNMA
EAVLTNMA	MMPHTNST	WHPITNMA
FIVLTNMA	MMPHTNWW	WHVLTNMT
FKLNTNCC	MNCHTNMA	WHWLTNMA
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FRVWTNMT	MRTWTNMA	WTTWTNMA
GALLTNMA	MSCTTNMT	WVRLTNMT

GBSNTNMT	MSCWTNMA
GDVLTNMA	MYVLTNMA
GNBRTNMA	NRRSTNMA
GRNBTNMA	NSVLTNAP
GTBGTNMT	NSVLTNBH
GTWSTNSW	NSVLTNBV
HDVLTNMA	NSVLTNBW
HIMNTNMA	NSVLTNCD
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HNTGTNMA	NSVLTNMC
HRFRTNMA	NSVLTNMT
HTVLTNMA	NSVLTNST
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## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing "Notice of Relinquishment of Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Designation" of Sprint Nextel Corp. was filed electronically or via US Mail on this 19th day of October, 2010 to the parties listed below.

  
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