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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***
WT Docket No. 05-265

Dear Ms. Dortch:

This letter is to inform you that on March 30, 2011, Sprint Nextel Corporation (“Sprint”), through its representatives Charles W. McKee and Maria L. Cattafesta, met with Angela E. Giancarlo (Chief of Staff & Senior Legal Advisor, Wireless & International for Commissioner McDowell) regarding the above-referenced proceeding. In that meeting, Sprint expressed its support for Chairman Genachowski’s decision to include a data roaming item on the Commission’s April 7 meeting agenda and emphasized the importance of a meaningful data roaming obligation to promote competition consistent with its prior filings in this docket.

In particular, Sprint emphasized that rapid advances towards a data-centric wireless market, as evidenced by upcoming launches of Voice over LTE (“VoLTE”) service by both Verizon Wireless and AT&T, will soon render the current automatic voice roaming obligation irrelevant in the absence of a data roaming obligation. Moreover, Sprint underscored the need for an effective FCC enforcement mechanism to serve as a backstop for reasonable data roaming arrangements in light of significant changes in the dynamics of the roaming market. Sprint added that the Commission has broad jurisdictional authority over wireless communications services for the purpose of adopting a data roaming requirement to encourage competition.

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.

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Respectfully submitted,

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