



August 12, 2011

Via Electronic Submission

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th St., SW, Room TW-A325
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: Ex Parte Communication
WC Docket Nos. 11-42, 03-109; CC Docket No. 96-45**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Yesterday, Charles McKee, Elaine Divelbliss and I, all of Sprint, met with Kim Scardino, Cindy Spiers, Jamie Susskind, Jonathan Lechter and Graham Dufault of the Wireline Competition Bureau to discuss reform of the Lifeline USF program. Sprint described some of the services available to our Assurance Wireless Lifeline subscribers (including free calls to 911 and customer service, and purchase of optional voice and/or text packages); some of the costs we incur to perform eligibility verification and annual certification; and how we determine what constitutes non-usage on an account. Sprint also discussed possible ways to make the eligibility and certification processes more robust to help ensure that only qualified end users obtain allowable Lifeline benefits prior to implementation of a national Lifeline database.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's Rules, a copy of this letter is being filed electronically in the above-referenced docket. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (703) 433-4503.

Sincerely,

/s/ Norina Moy

Norina Moy
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