

June 25, 2012

Ex Parte

Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary, Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: *Special Access for Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers, WC Docket No. 05-25; RM-10593*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On June 21, 2012, Dan Hesse, CEO of Sprint Nextel Corporation ("Sprint") spoke via telephone with Commissioner Robert M. McDowell and, separately, with Commissioner Ajit Pai. On June 22, Mr. Hesse spoke via telephone with Commissioner Jessica Rosenworcel. In each telephone call Mr. Hesse discussed the above-captioned proceeding, and: (1) noted that special access reform is of critical importance to Sprint; (2) explained that Sprint continues to rely heavily on special access services; and (3) urged that the Commission vote to find that the current pricing flexibility triggers are arbitrary and to suspend any new grants of pricing flexibility until the Commission establishes a new, more effective framework for evaluating competition for channel termination services. Mr. Hesse explained that this would be a positive first step toward special access reform.¹

Pursuant to the Commission's rules, this letter is being submitted for inclusion in the public record of the above-referenced proceedings.

Sincerely,



Paul Margie
Counsel to Sprint Nextel Corporation

¹ See Letter from R. Paul Margie, Wiltshire & Grannis, Counsel to Sprint, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC, WC Docket No. 05-25 (May 23, 2012) (explaining that the current pricing flexibility triggers do not provide a reliable assessment of competition and urging the Commission to repeal the triggers and to reject pending and future pricing flexibility petitions that rely on the current triggers).