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Via Electronic Submission

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

**Re: *Notice of Ex Parte*
Modernizing the FCC Form 477 Data Program, WC Docket No. 11-10**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On February 8, 2013, at the Commission's request, Frank Ferreira, Mark Yonker, Michael Fingerhut, Robert McNamara, Jack Scott and the undersigned of Sprint spoke by phone with Susan Singer, and Nese Guendelsberger, of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, and Travis Litman, Lisa Gelb, of the Wireline Competition Bureau regarding the above-referenced proceeding.

The purpose of the call was to discuss information which the staff believes would help it to understand the adoption and deployment of broadband services. For example, the staff is interested in broadband adoption, which could be studied using information about the speed tiers that customers have available to them on their mobile devices. In addition, staff would like to have more granular data, possibly at the county level. They suggested that billing addresses could be used to sort customers into counties. The staff recognized that an address is not always related to where the device is used. However, this is probably the best method to develop such data. The staff also expressed an interest in obtaining information on services that are not currently included in any reports, such as alarm services, M2M services, and E-readers. Sprint committed to investigating its ability to produce such data. Sprint noted that the additional data and changes to the existing format of the data would increase the burden on carriers.

The staff also asked about continuing to provide the mapping information that carriers currently submit semi-annually to NTIA for its Broadband Map. Sprint noted that it is time consuming to produce the maps. We agreed with staff that preparing a single nationwide map would be less time-consuming than the current state-by-state mapping.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, this ex parte notice is being filed electronically for inclusion in the record of the above-referenced proceeding. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

/s/ Marybeth M. Banks

cc: Susan Singer
Nese Guendelsberger
Lisa Gelb
Rodger Woock
Carol Simpson
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