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Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW, Room Tw-A325
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Modification to the Internet-based TRS Certification Application of Sprint Communications Company L.P., CG Docket No. 10-51, File No. _____

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On December 5, 2011, Sprint Communications Company L.P. (Sprint) filed the above-captioned application in the above-referenced docket as required by 47 CFR § 64.606(a)(2)(i)-(iv) seeking FCC authority to continue to provide, *inter alia*, its Internet-based IP Relay service. As set forth in its application, a deaf or hard-of-hearing individual who had received a 10-digit number from Sprint after the information submitted with his/her registration had been verified would be able to access Sprint's IP Relay service "on any computer through Sprint's website, www.sprintip.com or by using AOL Instant Messenger (AOL IM) or Google Talk (GTalk)." As of April 1, 2013, Sprint will no longer allow registered individuals to access Sprint's IP Relay services using AOL IM or GTalk. Sprint is discontinuing these services because the Fund Administrator – RLSA – requires that IP Relay providers submit the IP address for each IM call. Sprint has been providing the unique name that the user had selected during the registration process to ensure that the caller was registered and therefore eligible to make or receive IP Relay calls. In fact, Sprint's systems ensure that an AOL IM or a GTalk call does not reach a CA unless the user is properly registered. RLSA's requirement forces Sprint's AOL IM or GTalk IP Relay users to click on a link for each and every IP Relay call made or received so that Sprint can capture the IP address associated with the call. Thus the flexibility afforded by the AOL IM and GTalk service options is eliminated and makes the user experience less than satisfactory.

Sprint has been and is in the process of notifying its IP Relay users that, as of April 1, AOL IM and GTalk to make or receive an IP Relay call will no longer be available. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me.

Respectfully submitted,

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