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Wireless Telecommunications Bureau  
Federal Communications Commission  
1270 Fairfield Road  
Gettysburg, PA 17325-7245

**Re: Letter of Concurrence for 900 MHz Business/Industrial Land Transportation Applications, WT Docket 05-62**

Dear Sir or Madam:

Sprint Corporation ("Sprint") hereby files this letter in the above-captioned proceeding.

In 2004, in order to support the use of the 900 MHz band for Sprint's commercial operations during the reconfiguration of the 800 MHz band, the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau ("Bureau") issued a Public Notice freezing acceptance of applications for new 900 MHz Business/Industrial Land Transportation ("B/ILT") licenses.<sup>1</sup> Starting in 2006 the Bureau granted Sprint approximately 100 Special Temporary Authorizations ("STAs") to operate on vacant 900 MHz B/ILT "white space" which provided Sprint access to additional spectrum capacity while it performed 800 MHz band reconfiguration and provide continued services to its wireless customers.

In 2008, the Commission announced it would lift the 900 MHz freeze on a region-by-region basis tied to the completion of 800 MHz band reconfiguration in each National Public Safety Planning Advisory Committee ("NPSPAC") Region.<sup>2</sup> In the recent *Order on Reconsideration* the Commission further modified the 900 MHz freeze to permit new authorizations for 900 MHz B/ILT licenses provided such applications are accompanied by a letter of concurrence from Sprint.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> See Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Freezes Applications in the 900 MHz Band, *Public Notice*, 19 FCC Rcd 18277 (WTB 2004).

<sup>2</sup> See Amendment of Part 90 of the Commission's Rules to Provide for Flexible Use of the 896-901 MHz and 935-940 MHz Band Allotted to the Business and Industrial Land Transportation Pool, WT Docket No. 05-62, Improving Public Safety Communications in the 800 MHz Band, WT Docket No. 02-55, Consolidating the 800 MHz and 900 MHz Industrial/Land Transportation and Business Pool Channels, *Report and Order*, 23 FCC Rcd 15856 (2008).

<sup>3</sup> See Amendment of Part 90 of the Commission's Rules to Provide for Flexible Use of the 896-901 MHz and 935-940 MHz Band Allotted to the Business and Industrial Land Transportation Pool, WT Docket No. 05-62, Improving Public Safety Communications in the 800 MHz Band, WT Docket No. 02-55, Consolidating the 800 MHz and 900 MHz

On June 30, 2013, Sprint shut down its nationwide Nextel iDEN® Network. Sprint has also surrendered all of its 900 MHz STAs or allowed them to expire without renewal. Consequently, even though 800 MHz band reconfiguration is not yet complete in all NPSPAC Regions, Sprint no longer requires access to the additional 900 MHz B/ILT “white space” spectrum that the STAs provided or that the 900 MHz licensing freeze was imposed to preserve.

Accordingly, Sprint hereby provides this general letter of concurrence for 900 MHz applications seeking access to 900 MHz B/ILT “white space” provided, that a certified frequency coordinator certifies such applications meet the requirements of section 90.621(b) of the rules,<sup>4</sup> and do not impermissibly short-space or infringe upon the coverage of Sprint’s existing 900 MHz B/ILT licenses.

Sprint respectfully submits that providing this general letter of concurrence in the 900 MHz WT 05-62 docket is more efficient and less burdensome for all involved rather than requiring Sprint to review and concur with an unknown number of future individual applications.

If there are any questions regarding this matter or additional information is required, please contact the undersigned at (703) 433-4212.

Sincerely,

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Industrial/Land Transportation and Business Pool Channels, *Order on Reconsideration*, FCC 13-85 (rel. June 25, 2013).

<sup>4</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 90.621(b)(4).