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

Re: Facilitating the Deployment of Text-to-911 and Other Next Generation 911 Applications, PS Docket No. 11-153; Framework for Next Generation 911 Deployment, PS Docket No. 10-255

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On March 21, 2014, Ray Rothermel and Jeanna Green, on behalf of Sprint Corporation (“Sprint”), spoke by teleconference with David Furth, Erika Olsen, Timothy May, Dana Zelman, David Siehl, and Eric Ehrenreich of the Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau (“Bureau”) regarding the above-referenced proceeding.

During the call, we discussed matters related to implementation of text-to-911 service pursuant to the Voluntary Agreement signed by the four largest wireless carriers.¹ Sprint provided an update on its readiness to be capable of supporting text-to-911 nationwide by May 15, 2014 and the expected number of actual deployments, which is likely to be a total of three – one for each of the three standard routing solutions. Sprint also indicated it had received approximately 20 requests to implement text-to-911 service from entities representing public safety answering points in different parts of the country. We have also received 22 separate inquiries from public safety entities interested in learning more about Sprint’s plans to offer the capability to provide text-to-911 service to our subscribers.

We also discussed Sprint’s experience with the technical implementation of a text-to-911 service and that there have not been any major complications that have arisen, other than what appears to be a possible issue with interconnection and/or interoperability between the two major text control center providers. In Sprint’s view, this could potentially represent an obstacle to wide-scale deployment and availability of text-to-911 service at public safety answering points nationwide and across the wireless industry. The parties also discussed whether there have been any issues associated with or best practices developed for TTY implementation of text-to-911.

¹ See Letter from Terry Hall, APCO International, Barbara Jaeger, NENA, Charles W. McKee, Sprint Nextel, Robert W. Quinn, Jr, AT&T, Kathleen O’Brien Ham, T-Mobile USA, and Kathleen Grillo, Verizon, to Julius Genachowski, Chairman, Federal Communications Commission, and Commissioners McDowell, Clyburn, Rosenworcel and Pai; PS Docket 11-153, PS Docket No. 10-255 (Dec. 6, 2012) (the “Voluntary Commitment”).

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In addition, the parties discussed the prospect of any eventual ability to provide a greater level of location accuracy with text-to-911 service and any planned consumer outreach or messaging associated with the service. We discussed Sprint's participation on industry committees currently engaged in drafting additional requirements for more precise handset location information, as well as with working groups and committees involved in text-to-911 issues in general and, in particular, on consumer education and public outreach.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's Rules, a copy of this letter is being filed electronically in the above-referenced docket.

Sincerely,

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