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Via Electronic Filing

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

ATTN: David Furth, Deputy Chief, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau

Re: Quarterly Progress Report Summarizing the Status of the Voluntary Deployment of a National Text-to-9-1-1 Service Capability (*See In the Matter of Facilitating the Deployment of Text-to-911 and Other Next Generation 911 Applications, PS Docket No. 11-153; and, In the Matter of Framework for Next Generation 911 Deployment, PS Docket No. 10-255.*)

Dear Ms. Dortch:

As part of the Voluntary Commitment signed by the four largest wireless carriers, Sprint Corporation ("Sprint") hereby voluntarily submits its fourth quarterly progress report summarizing the status of its voluntary deployment of a national text-to-911 service capability.¹

Sprint continues to support the interim text-to-911 measure as the industry moves toward a more comprehensive next generation 9-1-1 system. As discussed in its previous quarterly progress reports, Sprint has already fulfilled the commitment to implement a bounce back or "auto reply" message to alert subscribers attempting to text an emergency message to instead call 9-1-1 when text-to-911 is unavailable in that area.

Sprint expects to meet its commitment of making text-to-911 service available by May 15th, as we are finalizing the terms of the contract with the vendor which will act as Sprint's Text Control Center ("TCC"). We also continue to participate in standards bodies and industry working groups and have been engaged in cooperative efforts with public safety answering

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 No. 11-153, PS Docket No. 10-255 (Dec. 6, 2012) (the "Voluntary Commitment").

points (“PSAPs”) across the country. As a participant in *The National SMS Text-to-9-1-1 Service Coordination Group*, Sprint is working with other stakeholder organizations on “Version 2” of the *SMS Text-To-9-1-1 Information and Planning Guide* with expanded information, such as language translation for text messaging at the PSAP level and a summary of early-adopter experiences.

Sprint is also a participant in the Federal Communications Commission’s Communications Security, Reliability and Interoperability Council (“CSRIC”) IV Working Group 1 (“WG-1”). WG-1 continues to research and work on recommendations regarding enhanced location of wireless consumer devices while texting. The group is also working on best practices for testing and trialing text-to-911 and operational procedures and security requirements that wireless carriers, PSAPs, and third party service providers should follow in provisioning PSAP requests for the service.

During the period covered by this report, Sprint responded to requests and inquiries from, and cooperated with, the following public safety entities and working groups: Northwest Central 9-1-1 System, Arlington Heights, Illinois; Larimer County, Colorado; Village of Rosemont, Illinois; Bexar Metro 9-1-1 District, Texas; Greater Harris County, Texas; City of Rochester, New York; Allegheny County, Pennsylvania; Aspen-Pitkin County, Colorado; Virginia Beach, Virginia; Dauphin County, Pennsylvania; Office of Unified Communications, Washington, DC; the State of Maryland; Allentown, Pennsylvania; Winston-Salem, North Carolina; Ector County, Texas; Collier County, Florida; Smith County, Texas; and, the State of Indiana.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission’s rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206, this letter is being electronically filed via the FCC’s Electronic Comment Filing System with your office. Should you have any questions, please contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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