June 21, 2012

Ex Parte

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

Re: Special Access for Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers, WC Docket No. 05-25; RM-10593

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On June 19, 2012, Dan Hesse, CEO of Sprint Nextel Corporation ("Sprint") spoke via telephone with Commissioner Mignon Clyburn and Louis Peraertz, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Clyburn, regarding the above-captioned proceeding. Mr. Hesse: (1) noted that special access reform is of critical importance to Sprint; (2) explained that Sprint continues to rely heavily on special access services; and (3) urged that the Commission vote to find that the current pricing flexibility triggers are arbitrary and to suspend any new grants of pricing flexibility until the Commission establishes a new, more effective framework for evaluating competition for channel termination services. Mr. Hesse explained that this would be a positive first step toward special access reform. ¹

Pursuant to the Commission’s rules, this letter is being submitted for inclusion in the public record of the above-referenced proceedings.

Sincerely,

Paul Margie
Counsel to Sprint Nextel Corporation

cc: Louis Peraertz

¹ See Letter from R. Paul Margie, Wiltshire & Grannis, Counsel to Sprint, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC, WC Docket No. 05-25 (May 23, 2012) (explaining that the current pricing flexibility triggers do not provide a reliable assessment of competition and urging the Commission to repeal the triggers and to reject pending and future pricing flexibility petitions that rely on the current triggers).