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Carole Washburn, Executive Secretary
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
1300 South Evergreen Park Drive SW
PO Box 47250
Olympia, WA 98504-8002

Re: Washington Docket No. UT-043013

Dear Ms. Washburn:

On March 16, 2004, Sprint Communications Company L.P. ("Sprint") filed its Motion to Dismiss, in which it asked the Commission to dismiss Verizon's Petition for Arbitration ("Petition"), or in the alternative, dismiss Sprint from the arbitration. Sprint withdraws its request that the Commission dismiss Sprint from the arbitration.

Sprint continues to believe that Verizon's failure to negotiate and its procedurally defective Petition support either dismissal of the Petition in its entirety or dismissal of Sprint alone. However, after further discussion with Verizon and other parties and review of the issues that the Commission could resolve in this case, it is critical that Sprint remain a party to the proceeding to protect its interests. Sprint therefore withdraws its request that the Commission dismiss Sprint alone from this proceeding, but continues to assert that the Commission should dismiss Verizon's Petition in its entirety.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W. E. Hendricks, III".

William E. Hendricks, III

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