

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In the Matter of the
Request of Sprint Nextel Corporation
for an Order Declining to Assert
Jurisdiction over or, in the Alternative,
Application of Sprint Nextel
Corporation for Approval of the
Transfer of Control of United
Telephone Company of the Northwest
and Sprint Long Distance, Inc. from
Sprint Nextel Corporation to LTD Holding
Company.

DOCKET NO. UT-051291

COMMISSION STAFF'S
RESPONSE TO PUBLIC
COUNSEL'S RENEWED MOTION
FOR CONTINUANCE AND
MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE
CROSS-REBUTTAL

1 Commission Staff does not oppose Public Counsel's renewed motion for a continuance of the schedule in this matter, given the circumstances described in the motion, but would request that no hearing be held on February 24, 2006, due to a prior conflict of counsel. Staff also does not oppose Public Counsel's motion for leave to file cross-rebuttal testimony. However, if the latter motion is granted, Staff may wish to request the right to file surrebuttal testimony.

DATED this 13th day of December, 2005.

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