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**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION**

In the Matter of

Petition of Sprint Corporation to Amend Its
Certification as an Eligible
Telecommunications Carrier in Washington

Docket No. UT-043120

DECLARATION OF GAIL LONG

I, Gail Long, hereby declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the following statements are true and correct:

1. I am the Manager of External Relations for TDS Telecom for the State of Washington and make this Declaration in that capacity.

2. I have reviewed the Petition filed by Sprint in the above-referenced docket. Based upon my review of Exhibit B of the Petition, Sprint does not serve any portion of the Anatone exchange. It appears that Sprint serves a very small portion of the Asotin exchange. Although it is very difficult to tell from the map provided by Sprint, it appears as though Sprint may serve the City of Asotin within the Asotin exchange.

3. The City of Asotin is the highest density area within the Asotin Exchange. Without a further map that is more detailed, I cannot calculate the exact densities. However, I can say from experience that the remaining areas of the Asotin exchange are much less densely populated and are higher cost to serve.

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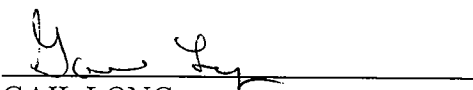
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1 4. Sprint has asked to be designated as an eligible telecommunications carrier for the La
2 Center exchange served by Lewis River Telephone Company. The La Center exchange served by
3 Lewis River has the more densely populated area in and around the City of La Center. The remainder
4 of the exchange is a geographically hilly area with a sparse population. It is somewhat difficult to tell
5 from the very limited detail that Sprint provides in its map exactly where it serves. However, it
6 appears that Sprint is serving the portion of the La Center exchange that includes the City of La Center.
7 Sprint clearly does not serve some of the more less populated, high-cost areas in the eastern portion of
8 the La Center exchange.

9 5. Sprint is requesting ETC designation for the Onalaska and Salkum exchanges of
10 McDaniel Telephone Company. From the Exhibit B to the Sprint Petition, it appears that Sprint's
11 serving area may barely touch the Salkum exchange. What densities may be in that area are not
12 readily apparent because of the lack of detail in the Sprint map. Further, it appears that Sprint serves
13 fifty percent, more or less, of the Onalaska exchange of McDaniel Telephone Company. It appears
14 that that area Sprint serves is the more highly densely populated and lower cost areas to serve within
15 the Onalaska exchange.

16 6. With a more detailed submission by Sprint, it would be possible to provide a greater
17 degree of accuracy on the densities of the relative areas served by Sprint. The conclusion I can draw
18 from the limited information provided by Sprint is that they tend to serve the higher-density, lower-
19 cost areas of the TDS Telecom companies (Asotin, Lewis River and McDaniel). The tendency appears
20 to be to not serve the lesser density, higher cost areas.

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22 Dated this 21st day of December, 2004.

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