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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 RICK VITZTHUM

I, Rick Vitzthum, 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 Controller for the Kalama Telephone Company. I have worked for Kalama Telephone Company for 14 years and am very familiar with the Kalama Telephone Company service area.

2. I have reviewed the Petition filed by Sprint in this matter. In particular, I reviewed the serving area maps attached as Exhibit B to the Sprint Petition.

3. It is not possible to tell from the information that Sprint has provided the exact boundary line of the Sprint serving area as it compares to the Kalama service area or exchange. However, what I can determine is that Sprint is serving the Town of Kalama and the Port of Kalama, which are by far the higher density areas of the Kalama exchange. The Kalama exchange is characterized by a relatively densely populated area along I-5 bordering the Columbia River. As you move eastward in the Kalama exchange, you encounter hilly, even mountainous terrain where population density is sparse and the cost of serving customers is very high.

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