BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In the Matter of

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Petition of Sprint Corporation to Amend Its Certification as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier in Washington Docket No. UT-043120

DECLARATION OF RICK VITZTHUM

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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:

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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.

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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.

It is not possible to tell from the information that Sprint has provided the exact

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boundary line of the Sprint serving area as it compares to the Kalama service area or exchange.

which are by far the higher density areas of the Kalama exchange. The Kalama exchange is

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However, what I can determine is that Sprint is serving the Town of Kalama and the Port of Kalama,

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characterized by a relatively densely populated area along I-5 bordering the Columbia River. As you

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move eastward in the Kalama exchange, you encounter hilly, even mountainous terrain where

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population density is sparse and the cost of serving customers is very high.

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1	4. The customers in the I-5 corridor within the Kalama exchange tend to be the customers
2	that order more vertical services and a wider variety of services that contribute to the Kalama
3	Telephone Company revenue stream. Loss of customers in this serving area would make it more
4	difficult for Kalama to continue to provide service in the remainder of the exchange. It would drive
5	the cost up to serve the remainder of the customers in the Kalama exchange.
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7	Dated this 21 day of December, 2004.
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