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Mr. Steven King, Executive Director/Secretary  
Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission  
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**RE: Sprint's Discontinuance of Business Long Distance Services in Washington**

Dear Mr. King:

Pursuant to WAC 480-120-083, Sprint Communications Company L.P. ("Sprint") hereby provides notification to the Washington Transportation and Utilities Commission ("WUTC") that it intends to discontinue its provision of Sprint Business Wireline Long Distance Services in Washington. Currently Sprint has 1,435 business subscribers that will be impacted.

Sprint has filed or will shortly be filing with the FCC seeking authorization, pursuant to Section 214(a) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (the "Act"), 47 U.S.C. § 214(a), and Section 63.71 of the Federal Communications Commission's ("FCC's") rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.71, to discontinue its provision of Sprint Business Long Distance Services throughout the United States.

The Sprint wireline Business Long Distance Services and associated features being discontinued are Message Telecommunications Service (i.e., 1+ long distance) ("MTS"), Wide Area Telecommunications Service ("WATS"), Toll Free Calling a/k/a 800 Calling, Private Line a/k/a Clearline, Switched Data Services, FÖNCARD, Directory Assistance, and Operator Service (collectively, the "Sprint Services"), as well as all business pricing plans associated with the Sprint Services.

In response to changing market conditions, Sprint has decided to terminate its provision of the Sprint Services. On January 5, 2015, Sprint received authority to cease offering the Sprint Services to new customers. At this time, Sprint plans to discontinue its provision of the Sprint Services to its remaining customers effective **June 30, 2017**, or as soon thereafter as the necessary regulatory approvals are obtained. The proposed discontinuance will not result in material harm to the affected business customers because they easily can obtain alternative services from other wireline interexchange carriers. Business customers also may purchase substitute long-distance services and features from wireless carriers such as Sprint or from a host of other alternative providers.

In accordance with WAC 480-120-083 (2), Sprint hereby provides at least 30 days advanced notice of cessation of service to the Commission.

Pursuant to WAC 480-120-083 (3), Sprint provides the following information:

1. Name of Telecommunications Company: Sprint Communications Company L.P. is located at 6200 Sprint Parkway, Overland Park, Kansas 66251.
2. Date of Planned Service Discontinuance: Sprint plans to discontinue provision of the Sprint Services described above effective June 30, 2017 or as soon thereafter as practicable.
3. Number of Impacted Customers and Their Location (described by exchange or by city and county): 1,435 Washington business customers will be impacted. Their city locations are set forth in Attachment A.
4. Customer Notice: A copy of the customer notice is attached hereto as Attachment B, prepared in accordance with WAC 480-120-083(2)(c). Sprint shall provide a second customer notice, in accordance with subsection (2)(d) between ten and thirty days before cessation of service (discussed in greater detail in #6, below).
5. Refunds for Unused Service: In the event a customer is due a refund for any unused service, Sprint will provide applicable information for obtaining refunds and will continue to provide this information for sixty days following the cessation of service, in accordance with WAC 480-120-083(4)(c).
6. Second Customer Notice: Sprint will provide customers with a second notification of cessation of service between ten and thirty days beforehand. The second notice will include one of the following: (i) one direct call to the impacted customers, informing the customers of the date of cessation of service and a number to call for more information; or (ii) a second written notice, including the date of cessation of service and a number to call for more information.

Thank you for your review and consideration of this notice. If you have any questions, please contact me at [Kristin.l.jacobson@sprint.com](mailto:Kristin.l.jacobson@sprint.com) or 707-816-7583.

Very truly yours,

*/s/ Kristin L. Jacobson*

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Attachments