

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON STATE
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Request of)	DOCKET NO. UT-051291
)	
SPRINT NEXTEL CORPORATION)	
)	
For an Order Declining to Assert)	
Jurisdiction Over or, in the)	NOTICE OF PREHEARING
Alternative, Application of Sprint)	CONFERENCE
Nextel Corporation for Approval of)	(Set for October 7, 2005, 1:30 p.m.)
the Transfer of Control of United)	
Telephone Company of the)	
Northwest and Sprint Long Distance,)	
Inc. From Sprint Nextel Corporation)	
to LTD Holding Company)	
.....)	

1 On August 26, 2005, Sprint Nextel Corporation filed with the Commission a request for an order declining to assert jurisdiction over or, in the alternative, an application 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. A more detailed account of the application is available for inspection at the Commission’s office located at Chandler Plaza Building, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., Olympia, Washington, and on the Commission’s web site at www.wutc.wa.gov/051291. It is appropriate that the matters raised in the pleadings be brought for hearing before the Commission.

2 The Commission will hear this matter pursuant to Part IV of chapter 34.05 RCW pertaining to adjudicative proceedings, including but not limited to RCW 34.05.413, RCW 34.05.422, RCW 34.05.431, RCW 34.05.440, RCW 34.05.449, and RCW 34.05.452. The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Title 80 RCW, having legal authority to regulate the rates, services, and practices of telecommunications companies, and pursuant to chapter 80.12 RCW, concerning transfers of property, mergers, and acquisitions. Statutes involved, in addition to those previously cited, include those within chapters 80.01 RCW, 80.04 RCW and 80.36 RCW, and chapters 480-120 WAC, 480-143 WAC, and 480-07 WAC, including but not limited to RCW 80.01.040 and RCW 80.04.020.

3 The ultimate issues include whether the proposed application complies with the
above referenced statutes and is otherwise in the public interest.

4 THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE That in accordance with WAC 480-07-
440(1)(a), the Commission has determined that good cause exists for this matter
to be heard on shortened notice.

5 **THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE That a prehearing conference in this
matter will be held at 1:30 p.m., on Friday, October 7, 2005, in the
Commission's Hearing Room, Second Floor, Chandler Plaza Building, 1300 S.
Evergreen Park Drive S.W., Olympia, Washington.**

6 The purpose of the prehearing conference is to take interventions, establish dates
for distribution of evidence and workpapers and other scheduling matters,
consider formulating the issues in the proceeding and to determine other matters
to aid in its disposition, as specified in WAC 480-07-430.

7 Petitions to intervene should be made in writing at least three business days
prior to the date scheduled for the prehearing conference, as required in WAC
480-07-355(a). The Commission will consider petitions to intervene made orally
during the conference, but strongly prefers written petitions to intervene. In
addition, party representatives must file notices of appearance with the
Commission, as required by WAC 480-07-345(2), no later than the day prior to
the conference. If any party or witness needs an interpreter or other assistance,
please fill out the form attached to this notice and return it to the Commission.
The time and place for any evidentiary hearings will be set at the prehearing
conference, on the record of a later conference or hearing session, or by later
written notice.

8 **THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE that any party who fails to attend or
participate in the prehearing conference set by this Notice, or any other stage
of this proceeding, may be held in default in accordance with RCW 34.05.440.
The parties are further advised that the sanction provisions of WAC 480-07-450
are specifically invoked.**

9 The names and mailing addresses of all parties and their known representatives
are as follows:

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- 10 The Commissioners of the WUTC and Administrative Law Judge Dennis J. Moss, from the Utilities and Transportation Commission's Administrative Law Division, will preside during this proceeding.
- 11 The Public Counsel section of the Office of the Attorney General has been designated by the Attorney General to represent the public. The address of the Commission, shown below, may be used for inquiries of Public Counsel, or Public Counsel may be contacted directly by writing or calling the address or telephone number listed below.
- 12 Notice of any other procedural phase will be given in writing or on the record, as the Commission may deem appropriate during the course of this proceeding.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective this 29th day of September, 2005.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CAROLE J. WASHBURN
Executive Secretary

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PLEASE NOTE: The hearing facilities are accessible to interested people with disabilities; that smoking is prohibited; and if limited English-speaking or hearing-impaired parties or witnesses are involved in a hearing and need an interpreter, a qualified interpreter will be appointed at no cost to the party or witness.

The information needed to provide an appropriate interpreter or other assistance should be stated below and returned to Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission, Attention: Carole J. Washburn, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive SW, P. O. Box 47250, Olympia, WA 98504-7250. (PLEASE SUPPLY ALL REQUESTED INFORMATION)

Docket No.: _____

Case Name: _____

Hearing Date: _____ Hearing Location: _____

Primary Language: _____

Hearing Impaired (Yes) _____ (No) _____

Do you need a certified sign language interpreter:

Visual _____ Tactile _____

Other type of assistance needed: _____

English-speaking person who can be contacted if there are questions:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone No.: (____) _____