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**VIA E-MAIL AND HAND DELIVERY**

Ms. Carole J. Washburn, Executive Secretary  
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission  
1300 South Evergreen Park Drive SW  
Olympia, WA 98504-7250

Re: Docket No. UT-073031 – Sprint Communications Company, L.P.  
Request for Arbitration

Dear Ms. Washburn:

Whidbey is in receipt of Sprint's letter of November 8, 2007, in response to the Commission's Notice of Opportunity to Respond dated November 6, 2007. Whidbey appreciates the courtesy extended by Sprint in its statement that it does not oppose a limited extension of time for Whidbey's answer.

Whidbey agrees with Sprint that it would be helpful for the pre-hearing conference, if it is to be held, if Whidbey's answer is filed in advance of the date of the pre-hearing conference. While Whidbey is optimistic that its Motion to Dismiss can be resolved prior to the date of the pre-hearing conference and, if ruled in favor of Whidbey, render the pre-hearing conference moot, Whidbey understands that such logistics may or may not come to pass.

In its November 8, 2007 letter, Sprint requested that the answer be "at least several days prior to the [pre-hearing conference] so that the Commission and Sprint will have time to review and analyze it." Given that the pre-hearing conference is scheduled for the afternoon of November 26, 2007, and mindful that the Thanksgiving holiday begins November 22, 2007, Whidbey suggests that its answer be filed on or before close of business November 19, 2007, with electronic copies having been distributed prior to that time to Sprint's counsel,

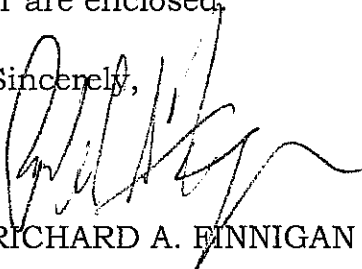
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Ms. Endejan and Mr. Pfaff.

Of course, until the jurisdictional issue is resolved, please accept this letter as part of the special appearance on behalf of Whidbey.

As required, twelve copies of this letter are enclosed.

Sincerely,



RICHARD A. FINNIGAN

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