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May 18, 2006

Ms. Carole Washburn
Washington Utility and Transportation Commission
1300 South Evergreen Park Dr., SW
P.O. Box 47250
Olympia, WA 98504-7250

Re: Sprint Separation of United Telephone Company of the NW

Dear Ms. Washburn:

Today Sprint Nextel separated its wireline local service operations, including United Telephone Company of the Northwest, into an independent, stand-alone operation. The new local company is called Embarq Corporation. As an independent company, Embarq will no longer be affiliated with Sprint Nextel's wireless and long-distance business.

For now, United is retaining its legal name, but will be doing business as Embarq. As indicated in our Transfer of Control docket, UT-051291, United will continue to provide local service in all the communities in Washington where we operate today. The Sprint red diamond logo will be phased out, and replaced with the new EMBARQ™ brand on our correspondence, directories, and facilities.

United has provided customer notice associated with the separation, the new company name and changes to the bill format in compliance with Order 06 and will be complying with the other conditions specified in the adopted settlement agreement. United has also withdrawn its affiliated interest agreements with Sprint and filed new agreements it has entered into with its new corporate parent and Embarq affiliates.

Your contacts for United will remain the same. For matters concerning Sprint Nextel, please contact Steve Kukta, Director for Western Government Affairs, at 415/572-8358 or Stephen.h.kukta@sprint.com.

If you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact me at (541) 387-9285.

Sincerely,

Nancy L. Judy
State Executive Oregon & Washington