

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of Sprint Nextel)	
Corporation's Application for Approval of)	DOCKET NO. UT-051291
Transfer of Control of United Telephone)	
Company of the Northwest and Sprint)	
Long Distance, Inc. From Sprint Nextel)	JOINT PROPOSAL WITH
Corporation to LTD Holding Company)	REGARD TO DISPOSITION OF
)	BILL CREDIT RESIDUARY
Regarding the Sale and Transfer of)	
Sprint Publishing and Advertising to)	
R.H. Donnelly, a non-affiliate)	

1 The parties to this case, United Telephone Company of the Northwest ("United"), Commission Staff, and Public Counsel ("Parties"), submit to the Commission this joint proposal regarding the disposition of the residuary from the Bill Credit.

2 As a part of the Settlement Agreement, which the Commission approved on March 13, 2006, United agreed to provide a bill credit in the aggregate amount of \$400,000. United applied a bill credit of \$7.45 per access line to certain lines, as described in the Agreement. That credit totaled \$399,141, leaving a residuary of \$859.¹ Under the agreement, the parties are required to present to the Commission their joint or separate recommendations for the distribution of any Bill Credit residuary.

3 The parties request that the Commission consider this recommendation to dispose of the residuary at its next regularly scheduled open meeting, November 29,

¹ Docket UT-051291, *United Bill Credit Accounting and Reconciliation Report*, filed September 5, 2006.

2006. The Parties recommend that the residuary balance of \$859 be provided to the Community Voicemail Program ("CVM") for use by the Walla Walla office in serving customers in Sunnyside and Toppenish, Washington. Sunnyside and Toppenish are within United's service territory. CVM is a not-for-profit organization that provides voice mailboxes to people in crisis or transition who either do not have a telephone or who need a secure voice mailbox. More information on CVM can be obtained at:

Community Voice Mail National Office
2901 Third Avenue, Suite 100
Seattle, WA 98121
Tel: 206.441.7872
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<http://www.cvm.org>

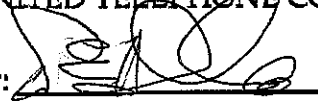
4 The CVM program is already familiar to the Commission and to the parties in this proceeding. In 2004, the Commission approved a joint proposal by Qwest, Public Counsel, AARP, FEA/DOD, and WeBTEC to distribute a residual of \$56,244 from Qwest's bill credit associated with its sale of DEX (UT-021120). In addition, in 2000 the Commission approved a recommendation by Qwest (then US WEST Communications, Inc.), Public Counsel, WeBTEC (then Telecommunications Ratepayers Association of Retired Persons) that \$650,000 be allocated to the same program as part of the disposition of refunds from the appeal of the 1995 US WEST general rate case.²

² King County Superior Court, Case No. 96-2-09623-7SEA.

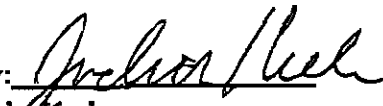
5 Distribution of the residuary to CVM is consistent with the Agreement in that it distributes the remainder of the Bill Credit to the benefit of telephone subscribers, including those who may have at one time had an access line but who no longer do. Thus, those customers would not have received the \$7.45 credit, but are indirectly benefited by this distribution.

Respectfully submitted this 6th day of November 2006.

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