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**NOTICE REGARDING FILING REQUIREMENTS FOR DOCUMENTS
THAT INCLUDE CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION
AND
REQUIRING THAT CERTAIN TESTIMONY BE RESUBMITTED
(Due November 1, 2005)**

Re: *In the Matter of Request of Sprint Nextel Corporation,*
Docket No. UT-051291

TO ALL PARTIES OF RECORD:

On August 26, 2005, Sprint Nextel filed testimony and exhibits in support of its request 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. The testimonies and exhibits of Richard G. Pfeifer and Glenn R. Daniel include information designated by Sprint Nextel as "highly confidential." The Commission's procedural rules specify the manner in which such information is to be marked and submitted to the Commission. WAC 480-07-160 and -423.

Sprint Nextel did not conform to the requirements of the Commission's rules in the testimonies and exhibits identified above. Most problematic is the failure in the testimonies to simply submit the pages that include information designated as highly confidential on "light blue paper with the highly confidential information marked by contrasting highlighter." Instead, the text of the testimony is repeatedly broken by the insertion in bold-face type of the words "Begin Highly Confidential" and "End Highly Confidential," which bracket the specific information designated by Sprint Nextel as highly confidential. This approach to identifying confidential information in the text of the testimony makes the testimony in both redacted and unredacted versions very difficult to read and is unacceptable. We require Sprint Nextel to resubmit the testimonies

of Mr. Pfeifer and Mr. Daniel in proper form as specified in WAC 480-07-160(c) and -423(2) and provide copies to all parties.

NOTICE IS GIVEN That all parties are required to follow strictly the requirements of the Commission's procedural rules when preparing and filing testimony and exhibits, including the rules that pertain to documents in which information is designated as being confidential.

FURTHER NOTICE IS GIVEN That Sprint Nextel is required to resubmit the redacted and unredacted versions of the Direct Testimony of Richard G. Pfeifer and the Direct Testimony of Glenn R. Daniel in conformance with the requirements of WAC 480-07-160(c) and WAC 480-07-423(2).

Although we note that the exhibits accompanying the testimony discussed above also do not conform to the Commission's rules, Sprint Nextel's methods of identifying highly confidential information in the exhibits do not impair the readability of the exhibits. Accordingly, we will not require Sprint Nextel to resubmit the exhibits.

Sincerely,

DENNIS J. MOSS
Administrative Law Judge