## **EXHIBIT 8**



Local Telephone Services - Internet & Broadband - Long Distance Security & Alarms - Data Center Services

July 6, 2007

BY CERTIFIED MAIL, RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED, AND TELECOPIER (913) 523-9690

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Dear Ms. Danilov:

I am writing on behalf of Whidbey Telephone Company ("Whidbey") in reply to your letter to me of June 13, 2007, which was received by Whidbey via fax on June 14, 2007, and via Federal Express on June 18, 2007. I had asked our counsel, Mr. Snyder, to respond to your letter, but because Sprint Communications Company L.P. ("Sprint") is now evidently represented by counsel with respect to Sprint's request of Whidbey for additional interconnection or traffic exchange, Mr. Snyder was reluctant to write to you directly without having first obtained the consent of Sprint's counsel. It is my understanding that Mr. Snyder requested such consent on Friday, June 22, 2007, but, as of earlier today, had received no response to his request. Consequently, rather than allowing additional time to pass, I shall respond to your letter, subject to such further clarification or refinement as Mr. Snyder may provide, if and when Sprint's counsel provides consent for Mr. Snyder to communicate with you directly.

Before turning to the substance of Sprint's request of Whidbey for local number portability ("LNP") in the South Whidbey rate center, I would like to correct what appears to be a significant inaccuracy in the second paragraph of your letter. It is my understanding that when you and Mr. Snyder spoke on May 21, 2007, you asked if you could respond by e-mail to my letter of May 15, 2007. Again, to my understanding, (i) Mr. Snyder indicated that Whidbey would like to have a letter response, (ii) you expressed concern about the time that mail would consume, and (iii) Mr. Snyder suggested that you could use fax transmission, as Whidbey had done in forwarding my May 15, 2007, letter to you. I am informed by Mr. Snyder that you did not ask for either my e-mail address or Mr. Snyder's, and that Mr. Snyder did not refuse to provide you with either his or my e-mail address, as your letter asserts. Also, while your letter expresses your disappointment at my not having provided you with my e-mail address, I find no record of your having previously asked me for it, and you and I have not spoken in person or by telephone.

There are important reasons why Whidbey prefers that e-mail not be used at this stage of this matter as the sole means of communication. However, e-mail is certainly acceptable

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as a courtesy, supplemental way to transmit correspondence. If you wish to use e-mail as a courtesy way of transmitting a copy of written correspondence on your company's letterhead (e.g., as an attachment in .pdf format), you certainly may do so. However, such e-mail copies are not a substitute for transmission by hard medium or via telecopier (fax), and Whidbey does not agree that the directing of any communication to either Mr. Snyder or me solely by e-mail constitutes proof of successful transmission or delivery. My address is julia@whidbeytel.com. simultaneously to two sent should be Snyder Mr. 74541.2515@compuserve.com and rss@whidbey.com. If you use e-mail as a supplemental means of communicating with Whidbey, please send a copy of your e-mail to Mr. Snyder, as well as to me.

Turning to the more substantive issues pertaining to Sprint's request of Whidbey for LNP in the South Whidbey rate center, the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") decision that accompanied your June 13, 2007, letter would not appear to resolve the more troubling aspects of Sprint's request. The issue is not simply whether, as a wholesale carrier, Sprint would be eligible to submit a bona fide request for LNP, but whether, under the specific circumstances present here, Sprint is eligible to submit such a request and, whether, under those circumstances, Whidbey is obligated to comply with such a request. It appears from your correspondence that the only use Sprint plans to make of the requested LNP is to enable a third party - which your June 13 letter identifies as Millenium Cable Company - to provide local exchange service in the South Whidbey exchange without being lawfully registered with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission ("WUTC") as a telecommunications carrier. It is our understanding of the FCC's rules that, because Millenium Cable Company is not registered with the WUTC as a telecommunications company and is thus not authorized by state law to engage in the provision of local exchange service within the South Whidbey rate center, it is not eligible to submit a bona fide request to Whidbey for LNP in that rate center. It would seem that result should not be any different where, as here appears to be the case, Sprint is seeking the same LNP, solely for the purpose of providing wholesale service to Millenium Cable Company and thereby facilitating Millenium Cable Company's provision of local exchange service in violation of state law.

The Memorandum Opinion and Order by the Chief of the Wireline Competition Bureau of the FCC (DA-07-709) that was enclosed with your June 13 letter highlights another apparent deficiency in Sprint's request to Whidbey for LNP: it appears that, in its relationship with Millenium Cable Company, Sprint is not acting as a telecommunications carrier. It is Whidbey's understanding that, under the FCC's rules, in order to be eligible to submit a request for LNP, the submitting entity must be a telecommunications carrier, and that to be a telecommunications carrier requires that one be a common carrier offering one's services indiscriminately to the public, or at least to the subset of the public to whom such services might be useful. (See, e.g., the last two sentences of Paragraph 12 of DA 07-709.) While Sprint has price lists posted on its website for the State of Washington that appear to offer some of its services on a common carrier basis, it appears that none of those price lists offers on a common

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carrier basis the services that Sprint has indicated it intends to provide to Millenium Cable Company. Accordingly, while Sprint may be a telecommunications carrier in other contexts, here it does not appear to be one. Please let us know if Sprint has a published tariff or price list offering in the State of Washington, on a common carrier basis, the wholesale local exchange services it is providing (or intends to provide) to Millenium Cable Company and, if so, please provide us with directions as to where we might find a copy of such tariff or price list, so that Whidbey may give it consideration.

My June 5, 2007, letter to you contained a number of requests for information from Sprint. Those requests included (i) a request for Sprint to identify the CLLI code(s) of the switching entity or entities to which Sprint would expect Whidbey to port South Whidbey rate center numbers if LNP were to become available in the South Whidbey rate center, and (ii) a request that Sprint provide a list of its switches serving, or expected to serve the South Whidbey rate center, with identification of whether Sprint had or had not received requests for the deployment of local number portability in each of those switching entities and whether number portability had been deployed in each of those switching entities. Finally, my June 5, 2007, letter requested that you acknowledge the request for LNP made by that letter to Sprint and indicate the date by which LNP would be available to Whidbey from Sprint in each of the Sprint switches provided, or expected to provide, local exchange services in the South Whidbey rate center. Your letter failed to respond to any of these requests. It is my understanding that, if Sprint is (or intends to be) a local exchange carrier in the South Whidbey rate center, as it claims to be, it is obligated by the FCC's rules to provide some, if not all, of the information requested by my June 5 letter. Sprint's failure to provide the requested information would seem to be an additional factor tending to cast doubt on the "bona fide" nature of the request for LNP that Sprint has purported to submit to Whidbey.

In light of the foregoing, please be advised that Whidbey has considered your June 13 letter and its enclosure. Whidbey's decision not to accept Sprint's request for LNP in the South Whidbey rate center remains in place. If Whidbey has misunderstood the non-common carrier nature of the relationship between Sprint and Millenium Cable Company, as discussed above, or if Millenium Cable Company is duly authorized by the WUTC to provide local exchange services within the South Whidbey rate center, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Julia H. DeMartini
Vice President

Robert S. Snyder, Esq.