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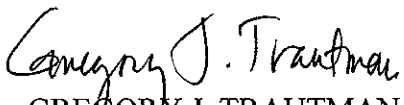

Carole J. Washburn, Secretary
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
1300 S. Evergreen Park Dr. SW
P. O. Box 47250
Olympia, Washington 98504-7250

Re: *In re Sprint Nextel Corporation's Application for Approval of Transfer of Control of United Telephone Company of the Northwest and Sprint Long Distance, Inc. from Sprint Nextel Corporation to LTD Holding Company*
Docket No. UT-051291

Dear Ms. Washburn:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced docket is the original signed confidentiality agreement for Sharyn G. Bate, covering both confidential and highly confidential information.

Sincerely,


GREGORY J. TRAUTMAN
Assistant Attorney General 

GJT:emd
Enclosure
cc: All parties



EXHIBIT B (EXPERT AGREEMENT)

AGREEMENT CONCERNING CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION
IN DOCKET NO. UT-051291
BEFORE THE
WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

I, Sharyn G Bate, as an expert in this proceeding for
WUTC (a party to this proceeding) or
an employee of that party who has a need to know for the purpose of presenting
that party's case in this proceeding and is not engaged in developing, planning,
marketing, or selling products or services, determining the costs thereof, or
designing prices thereof to be charged or potentially charged to customers,
hereby agrees to comply with and be bound by the Protective Order entered by
the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission in Docket No.
UT-051291 and acknowledge that I have reviewed the Protective Order and fully
understand its terms and conditions.

Sharyn G Bate
Signature

12/24/05
Date

WUTC
Employer
1300 S. Evergreen Park Dr SW

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Address

Regulatory Analyst
Position and Responsibilities

The following portion is to be completed by the responding party and filed with
the Commission within 10 days of receipt. Failure to do so will constitute a
waiver and the above-named person will be deemed an expert, consultant, or
advisor having access to Confidential Information under the terms and
conditions of the protective order.

_____ No objection.

_____ Objection. The responding party objects to the above-named expert, consultant, or advisor having access to Confidential Information. The objecting party shall file a motion setting forth the basis for objection and asking exclusion of the expert, consultant, or advisor from access to Confidential Information.

Signature

Date