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Via Electronic Submission

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: ***Ex Parte Communication***
CC Docket Nos. 96-98, 01-92; ET Docket Nos. 98-153, 02-135; and WT Docket Nos. 01-184, 02-100

On February 25, 2003, Luisa Lancetti and Roger Sherman of Sprint Corporation met with Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (WTB) Chief John Muleta and WTB Legal Advisor John Branscome. The purpose of the meeting was to provide Mr. Muleta with some general background information concerning Sprint's wireless operations and to provide brief information concerning several regulatory issues of interest to the company. The discussion reflected Sprint's positions taken in filings made in the various proceedings addressed:

- Spectrum Rights and Interference Protection – Sprint spoke of the need to protect exclusive use operations of incumbent licensees and the need to protect against harmful interference. We cited the UWB (ET Docket 98-153) proceeding as an example where unlicensed uses will compromise licensed services.

- Secondary Markets (ET Docket 02-135) – Sprint discussed its support for spectrum leasing authority which will improve spectrum efficiency.

- Local Number Portability (WT 01-184) – Sprint confirmed its opposition to LNP and mentioned its participation in pending court appeal before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit.

- Rural ILEC Interconnection (CC Docket 01-92) – Sprint spoke of CMRS concerns raised in the interconnection proceedings pending before the Commission

- Tower Siting – The importance of tower siting to service quality and coverage was also discussed, and Sprint urged that action be taken on the Cingular Wireless Petition for Preemption (WT Docket 02-100).

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, this letter is being electronically-filed with your office. Please associate this letter with the files in the above-referenced proceedings.

Respectfully submitted,

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cc: John Muleta
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