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July 6, 2016

New York State Public Service Commission 3 Empire State Plaza Albany, NY 12223-1350

Re: Sprint Communications Company, L.P. Discontinuance of Business Long Distance Service

Dear Sir or Madam,

As the attached documents indicate, due to changing market conditions, Sprint Communications Company L.P. ("Sprint") has determined that it should discontinue its wireline business long distance services in each of the 50 United States, the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. The specific Sprint wireline business long distance services and associated features being discontinued include Message Telecommunications Service (i.e., 1+ long distance) ("MTS"), Wide Area Telecommunications service ("WATS"), Toll Free Calling a/d/a 800 Calling, Private Line a/k/a Clearline, Switched Data Service, Operator Services, Directory Assistance, and FONCARD (collectively, the "Sprint Services"), as well as all business pricing plans associated with the Sprint Services listed above.

Sprint plans to discontinue its provision of the Sprint Services approximately 12 months from now, effective as of June 30, 2017, or as soon thereafter as the necessary regulatory approvals are obtained. Sprint is providing notice to the Commission at this time because its contracts with some business wireline customers require 12-month advance notice.

This discontinuance does not impact any Sprint wireless services. Additionally, Sprint will not discontinue the provision of Casual Caller service to Telecommunications Relay Service ("TRS") system users in states, including New York, where Sprint is the TRS service provider. Rather, Sprint will continue to provide Sprint Casual Caller interexchange service to TRS users that are not pre-subscribed to any long distance provider.

The attached customer notice is being sent to all of the affected customers, including all New York business long distance customers. Additionally, the application to be filed with

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the FCC seeking approval of its discontinuance of business long distance services is attached.

Should you have any questions, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

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Diane C. Browning

Enclosures



June 30, 2016

Joy Q. Sample 123 Main St. Anytown, USA, 12345-6789

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING DISCONTINUANCE OF SPRINT WIRELINE LEGACY VOICE LONG DISTANCE SERVICES

Account Number:

On June 30, 2017, or as soon thereafter as the necessary regulatory approvals can be obtained, Sprint Communications Company L.P. ("Sprint") will no longer provide Sprint wireline legacy voice long distance services and associated features in each of the 50 United States, the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Due to changing market conditions, Sprint has determined that it should discontinue offering Sprint wireline business long distance voice services over legacy technology and focus on VoIP services. The specific Sprint wireline business legacy voice long distance services and associated features being discontinued include all domestic and international 1+ dialing from presubscribed accounts as well as WATS / Toll Free, Private Line, Switched Data Services, Operator Services, Directory Assistance, Directory Assistance Calling, FÕNCARD and all business pricing plans associated with the services listed above. This discontinuance does not impact any of the Sprint VoIP/IP equivalent services SIP Trunking, SIP Toll Free, SIP International Toll Free, IP, MPLS and Cloud Value Added Services or any of the services related to our Sprint wireless services.

If you are planning to migrate your WATS, Toll Free, Private Line and Switched Data Services to Sprint's VoIP/IP equivalent services of SIP Trunking and MPLS, please contact your Sprint Representative promptly to ensure your migration is completed by June 2017. Alternatively contact Sprint via email at <u>business.customer.care@sprint.com</u>, or via telephone at 844-492-4334 Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. EST.

If you are not planning to migrate to a VoIP Sprint SIP Trunking IP/MPLS circuit, the discontinuance of the service will impact all of your Sprint 1+ (referred as pre-subscribed long distance carrier services) and the Sprint services listed above. If you choose to continue using a legacy voice TDM circuit from your local telephone service provider to access pre-subscribed long distance voice services, you will need to choose another long distance service provider. Note that a new service provider may require approximately three months to provision service to you. As a result, we strongly recommend that you select a provider *no later than* March 30, 2017. If you are not certain of your options for obtaining replacement pre-subscribed long distance service, you should contact your local telephone service provider and ask which carriers are accepting pre-subscribed customers. You may also contact any of the several companies that serve the business market in your area. An Internet search for "business telecommunications service providers" in your area should provide you with several alternatives. Sprint does not have the ability to select another provider for you. This discontinuance does not impact any of Discontinuance of Sprint Business Long Distance Services June 30, 2016 Page 2 of 2

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Additionally, if you are a Toll Free customer not planning to migrate to Sprint's VoIP equivalent SIP Toll Free services, you must change your service provider **before June 30, 2017** to ensure that you can retain your current Toll Free Telephone Number with your new provider.

Sprint has notified the Federal Communications Commission of its proposed discontinuance of service. The FCC will normally authorize this proposed discontinuance of service (or reduction or impairment) unless it is shown that customers would be unable to receive service or a reasonable substitute from another carrier or that the public convenience and necessity is otherwise adversely affected. If you wish to object, you should file your comments as soon as possible, but no later than 15 days after the Commission releases public notice of the proposed discontinuance. You may file your comments electronically through the FCC's Electronic Comment Filing System using the docket number established in the Commission's public notice for this proceeding, or you may address them to the Federal Communications Commission, Wireline Competition Bureau, Competition Policy Division, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554, and include in your comments a reference to the § 63.71 Application of Sprint Communications Company L.P. Comments should include specific information about the impact of this proposed discontinuance (or reduction or impairment) upon you or your company, including any inability to acquire reasonable substitute service.

For additional information please visit our web page, <u>www.sprint.com/landlinebusinessFAQs</u>. If you have questions concerning this notice, please feel free to contact Sprint via email at <u>business.customer.care@sprint.com</u>, or via telephone at 844-492-4334 Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. EST. We thank you for your business and look forward to continuing to serve you in other capacities.

Sincerely,

Sprint Communications Company L.P. 6200 Sprint Parkway Overland Park, Kansas 66251

Before the FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION Washington, D.C.

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In the Matter of Section 63.71 Application of Sprint Communications Company L.P.

WC Docket No. 16-____

SECTION 63.71 APPLICATION

Sprint Communications Company L.P. ("Sprint" or "Applicant") hereby seeks authorization, pursuant to Section 214(a) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (the "Act"), 47 U.S.C. § 214(a), and Section 63.71 of the rules of the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC" or "Commission"), 47 C.F.R. § 63.71, to discontinue its provision of Sprint wireline business long-distance services and associated features. The specific Sprint wireline business long-distance services and associated features being discontinued are Message Telecommunications Service (*i.e.*, 1+ long distance) ("MTS"), Wide Area Telecommunications Service ("WATS"), Toll Free Calling a/k/a 800 Calling, Private Line a/k/a Clearline, Switched Data Services, Operator Services, Directory Assistance, and FÖNCARD (collectively, the "Sprint Services"),¹ as well as all business pricing plans associated with the Sprint Services.

In response to changing market conditions, Sprint has decided to terminate its provision of the Sprint Services. On January 5, 2015, Sprint received authority to cease offering the Sprint

¹ Sprint also will cease to provide its outbound international services and features. A copy of this filing is being provided to the International Bureau as an attachment to its notice filed pursuant to Section 63.19 of the Commission's rules.

Services to new customers.² At this time, Sprint plans to discontinue its provision of the Sprint Services to its remaining customers effective June 30, 2017, or as soon thereafter as the necessary regulatory approvals are obtained. Sprint is making the necessary filings and notifying business customers well in advance of the target discontinuance date in order to comply with certain notice provisions in many of Sprint's contracts with business customers. The proposed discontinuance will not result in material harm to the affected customers because they easily can obtain alternative services from other wireline interexchange carriers. Customers also may purchase substitute long-distance services and features from carriers such as Sprint or from a host of other alternative providers.

The Applicant provides the following information pursuant to Section 63.71 of the Commission's rules:

- <u>Name and Address of Carrier</u>: Sprint Communications Company L.P. is located at 6200 Sprint Parkway, Overland Park, Kansas 66251.
- 2. Date of Planned Service Discontinuance, Reduction, or Impairment: The Applicant plans to discontinue its provision of the Sprint Services described above effective June 30, 2017, or as soon thereafter in each state as the necessary regulatory approvals can be obtained. The Applicant understands that this Application will be granted automatically on the 31st day after public notice of its filing, unless the Commission notifies the Applicant to the contrary.

² See Comments Invited on Application of Sprint Communications Company L.P. to Discontinue Domestic Telecommunications Services, Public Notice, WC Docket No. 14-243, 29 FCC Rcd 14711 (2014) (DA 14-1777). Note that Sprint's application sought authority to "grandfather" both the Sprint Services and certain consumer services. The instant application relates solely to the business Sprint Services outlined above.

- Points of Geographic Areas of Service Affected: Sprint proposes to discontinue the provision of the Sprint Services in each of the fifty United States, the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.
- 4. <u>Brief Description of Type of Service Affected</u>: The Sprint Services affected by this discontinuance include all MTS, WATS, Toll Free Calling, Private Line, Switched Data Services, Operator Services, Directory Assistance, and FONCARD services and features provided to Sprint business customers.
- 5. <u>Brief Description of the Dates and Methods of Notice to All Affected Customers</u>: In accordance with Section 63.71(a), Sprint provided written notice, by first class mail, to its affected subscribers on or before June 30, 2016. A sample copy of the notice letter provided to customers is attached hereto as Attachment A.
- Whether the Carrier is Considered Dominant or Non-Dominant with Respect to the Service to Be Discontinued, Reduced, or Impaired: Applicant is considered nondominant with respect to the affected services.

In accordance with Section 63.71 of the Commission's rules, a copy of this Application is being mailed to the Special Assistant for Telecommunications for the Secretary of Defense and to the public utility commission and the Governor of each state in which the discontinuance of service is proposed.

The public convenience and necessity will not be adversely affected by the discontinuance of the Sprint Services and features in question. All customers have been provided notice that affords them ample time to acquire one of the many substitute services that are readily available to them. Sprint, therefore, respectfully requests Commission approval of

this Section 63.71 Application. Please direct any questions regarding this Application to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

Sprint Communications Company L.P.

<u>/s/ Emily J. H. Daniels</u> Emily J. H. Daniels Lawler, Metzger, Keeney & Logan, LLC 1717 K Street NW, Suite 1075 Washington, DC 20006 Tel: (202) 777-7723 Email: edaniels@lawlermetzger.com Counsel to Sprint Communications Company L.P.

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Dated: July 5, 2016

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Sincerely,

Sprint Communications Company L.P. 6200 Sprint Parkway Overland Park, Kansas 66251

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Ruth E. Holder, hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing Section 63.71 Application of Sprint Communications Company L.P. was served on this 5th day of July, 2016, by mailing true and correct copies thereof, postage prepaid, to the following persons at the addresses listed below:

Office of Governor Robert J. Bentley State Capitol 600 Dexter Avenue Montgomery, AL 36130

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<u>/s/ Ruth E. Holder</u> Ruth E. Holder