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Hon. Jaelyn A. Brillling
Secretary
State of New York
Public Service Commission
Three Empire State Plaza
Albany, New York 12223

Re: Cases 09-M-0527

Dear Secretary Brillling:

Please accept this letter as the comments of Sprint Nextel Corporation ("Sprint") in response to the Commission's January 4, 2012 Notice Seeking Comment on Interim Transition Fund ("Notice"). The Notice seeks comment on whether the Temporary Transition Fund ("TTF") should be extended past May, 2012. Sprint objects to any TTF extension as the Commission has adequate time to issue a decision in this matter without an extension of the TTF.

The schedule for exceptions in the Notice leaves adequate time for the Commission to make a decision on the core issues in the case such that there is no need to keep extending the TTF. Reply briefs on exceptions are due on March 5th currently. That leaves the Commission 2 or more months to make a decision before there is an alleged need for an extension.

Sprint urges the Commission to reject an extension to the TTF. Ordering an extension now would be the third "temporary" extension as previous extensions were ordered on July 16, 2010 and September 16, 2011. Further extensions to the TTF prevent the Commission from addressing the disputed issues of whether a state universal service fund is

needed or advisable. The Commission has adequate time to make final decisions in this matter and should not continue ordering temporary extensions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ken Schiffman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Ken Schiffman

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Honorable Jaclyn A. Brillling
Judge Jack
Active Parties