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Docket No. 10-2227-01

Julie Orchard, Commission Secretary
Utah Public Service Commission
160 East 300 South
Salt Lake City, UT 84114

RE: Sprint Spectrum's Relinquishment of its ETC Designation

Dear Ms. Orchard:

This letter is to serve as Sprint's notification that it intends to relinquish its Eligible Telecommunication Carrier ("ETC") designation in the State of Utah effective December 31, 2010.

Sprint will provide written notification to each of its "lifeline customers" advising them that Sprint is discontinuing lifeline discounts pursuant to the ETC program.

If you have any question regarding this notice, please contact Kristin L. Jacobson at 707-816-7583 or at kristin.l.jacobson@sprint.com.

Very truly yours,

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH

<p>In the Matter of</p> <p>Sprint Spectrum L.P. dba Sprint's</p> <p>Request for Relinquishment of Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Designation in Utah</p>	<p><i>Docket No. 10-2227-01</i></p> <p>Petition/Notification for Relinquishment of Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier in Utah</p>
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**NOTICE OF RELINQUISHMENT OF
ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER DESIGNATION**

Sprint Spectrum L.P. dba Sprint (hereinafter "Sprint"), pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 214(e)(4) and 47 C.F.R. § 54.205, hereby respectfully notifies the Utah Public Service Commission (Commission) of the relinquishment of Sprint's eligible telecommunications carrier ("ETC") designations in Utah, effective December 31, 2010. In support of this notice of relinquishment, Sprint states as follows.

In 2003, Sprint filed an application for designation as an ETC in certain areas in Utah, specifically for the Qwest exchanges on September 15, 2003. The Commission granted this application in docket 03-2227-01 on May 18, 2004. Sprint has operated as an ETC in Utah from that date to the present.

Before the Federal Communications Commission (hereinafter "FCC"), in WT Docket No. 08-94, Sprint agreed to reduce its federal high-cost universal service fund

(USF) support in five equal increments beginning in January 2009.¹ On September 3, 2010, the FCC released an order providing instructions for implementing this commitment.² Among other things, the *Implementation Order* specified that Sprint could meet its high-cost USF phase-out obligation through “line loss, relinquishment of ETC status, or other circumstances....”³ Sprint’s actual high-cost USF support for 2009, and its projected high-cost USF support for 2010, are below the allowable cap for those years; thus, no further action is required for those years.

In order to meet the phase-out requirement for 2011, however, Sprint will be required to take additional steps to reduce its high-cost receipts. In compliance with the FCC’s *Implementation Order*, Sprint has decided to relinquish its ETC designation in Utah.⁴ Although Sprint will no longer receive federal high cost USF in Utah after December 31, 2010, it plans to continue to provide wireless service in all of its designated areas in the state as a non-ETC. Existing subscribers will be able to continue to receive wireless service from Sprint on a non-ETC basis.

47 U.S.C. § 214(e)(4) states in relevant part:

A State commission (or the Commission in the case of a common carrier designated under paragraph (6)) shall permit an eligible telecommunications carrier to relinquish its designation as such a carrier in any area served by more than one eligible telecommunications carrier. An eligible telecommunications carrier that seeks to relinquish its eligible

¹ *Sprint Nextel Corp. and Clearwire Corporation, Applications For Consent to Transfer Control of Licenses, Leases, and Authorizations*, WT Docket No. 08-94, 23 FCC Rcd 17570 (2008).

² *In the Matter of High-Cost Universal Service Support*, WC Docket No. 05-337, *Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, Request for Review of Decision of Universal Service Administrator by Corr Wireless Communications, LLC*, CC Docket No. 96-45, Order released Sept. 3, 2010 (FCC 10-155) (“*Implementation Order*”).

³ *Id.*, n. 39.

⁴ Sprint will be filing notices of ETC relinquishment in several other states as well (each effective December 31, 2010) in order to meet the balance of its 2011 phase-out obligation.

telecommunications carrier designation for an area served by more than one eligible telecommunications carrier shall give advance notice to the State commission (or the Commission in the case of a common carrier designated under paragraph (6)) of such relinquishment. Prior to permitting a telecommunications carrier designated as an eligible telecommunications carrier to cease providing universal service in an area served by more than one eligible telecommunications carrier, the State commission (or the Commission in the case of a common carrier designated under paragraph (6)) shall require the remaining eligible telecommunications carrier or carriers to ensure that all customers served by the relinquishing carrier will continue to be served, and shall require sufficient notice to permit the purchase or construction of adequate facilities by any remaining eligible telecommunications carrier.

See also 47 C.F.R. § 54.205(a) and (b).

Attached is a list of the incumbent local exchange carrier ETCs that provide service in Sprint's designated areas in Utah.⁵ Following relinquishment of Sprint's ETC designation, there will continue to be at least one ETC in each of Sprint's designated areas in both of these states. Therefore, there is no bar to prevent Sprint from relinquishing its ETC designation in Utah. To the best of Sprint's knowledge, none of the remaining ETCs will be required to purchase or construct additional facilities to continue providing service within these study areas. Because other ETCs currently serve the entire areas in which Sprint is designated as an ETC in Utah, the Commission need not provide notice to those carriers to permit them to purchase or construct facilities to ensure that Sprint's customers will continue to receive service.⁶

Upon acceptance of its relinquishment, Sprint will provide written notice by US mail to each of its then-current Lifeline customers in Utah advising that Sprint will no longer provide service discounts as an ETC. The notice will inform these customers that

⁵ See Attachment A.

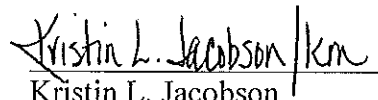
⁶ As noted above, Sprint will continue to provide service in these areas although it will no longer receive high-cost USF support.

the monthly Lifeline credit will be discontinued within 45 days. Sprint will offer each of these customers the option of continuing to receive the same service from Sprint, or selecting an alternative calling plan. The notice will further inform each customer that discounted Lifeline service may be obtained from one of the remaining ETCs in the area. After December 31, 2010, Sprint will not activate any new Lifeline subscribers in Utah.

For the reasons set forth above, Sprint respectfully requests that the Commission accept the relinquishment of its ETC designations in Utah, effective December 31, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment A
ETCs in Utah Study Areas Subject to Relinquishment by Sprint

Qwest Corporation (ILEC) in the following wire centers:

ALTAUTMA	AMFKUTMA	BEVRUTMA
BNTFUTMA	NSLKUTMA	BNHDUTMA
BGCYUTMA	CRNNUTMA	CDCYUTMA
CLFDUTMA	LYTNUTMA	ROYUTMA
FRTNUTMA	HBCYUTMA	CTWDUTMA
HLDYUTMA	HRCNUTMA	HYRMUTMA
KYVLUTMA	KRNSUTMA	LEHIUTMA
LOGNUTMA	MAGNUTNM	DRPRUTMA
MDVAUTMA	RVTNUTMA	WJRDUTMA
MONRUTMA	MRGNUTMA	MTGNUTMA
MRRYUTMA	NEPHUTMA	HNVIUTMA
OGDNUTMA	OGDNUTNO	OGDNUTSO
OGDNUTWE	PRCYUTMA	PRWNUTMA
PYSNUTMA	SNTQUTMA	PLGVUTMA
OREMUTMA	PROVUTMA	RCFDUTMA
RCMUDTMA	SALNUTMA	SKLCUTEA
SLKCUTMA	SLKCUTSO	SLKCUTWE
SMFDUTMA	SALMUTMA	SPFKUTMA
SPDLUTMA	SPVLUTMA	LEDSUTMA
STGRUTMA	VEYOUTMA	GTVLUTMA
TOOLUTMA	EVTNWYMA	