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COMMISSION OPENS DOCKET FOR PROPOSED TRANSFER OF CONTROL OF SPRINT CORPORATION TO T-MOBILE US, INC.

WT Docket No. 18-197

On April 29, 2018, T-Mobile US, Inc. (T-Mobile), and Sprint Corporation (Sprint) announced an agreement to merge in an all-stock transaction. On June 14, 2018, T-Mobile and Sprint informed the Commission that on June 18, 2018, they plan on filing applications seeking Commission approval to transfer control to T-Mobile of the licenses and authorizations held by Sprint and its wholly-owned and controlled subsidiaries. The purpose of this public notice is to announce the opening of a docket, WT Docket No. 18-197, and articulate the *ex parte* status of discussions related to the proposed transaction.

Pursuant to Section 1.1200(a) of the Commission's rules,¹ the Commission may adopt modified or more stringent *ex parte* procedures in particular proceedings if the public interest so requires. We announce that as of the time the applications are filed, this proceeding will be governed by permit-but-disclose *ex parte* procedures that are applicable to non-restricted proceedings under Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules.² Parties making oral *ex parte* presentations are directed to the Commission's *ex parte* rules. Parties are reminded that memoranda summarizing the presentation must contain the presentation's substance and not merely list the subjects discussed.³ More than a one- or two-sentence description of the views and arguments presented is generally required.⁴ The rules pertaining to oral and written presentations are set forth in section 1.1206(b).⁵

Under the Commission's current procedures, 6 notices of the *ex parte* presentations, which must include a reference to WT Docket No. 18-197, shall be filed electronically through the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) when feasible.

• To file electronically, 7 access ECFS via the Internet at http://apps.fcc.gov/ecfs. In completing the transmittal screen, commenters should include their full name, U.S. Postal Service mailing address, and the applicable docket number.

^{1 47} CFR § 1.1200(a).

² Id. § 1.1206.

³ Id. § 1.1206(b)(1).

⁴ Id. § 1.1206(b)(2).

⁵ Id. § 1.1206(b).

⁶ See 47 CFR § 1.1206(b)(2). See also FCC Announces Change in Filing Location for Paper Documents, Public Notice, 24 FCC Rcd 14312 (2009).

⁷ Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings, Report and Order, 13 FCC Rcd 11322 (1998).

• To file by paper, the original and one copy of each filing must be filed by hand or messenger delivery, by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail. All hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission's Secretary must be delivered to FCC Headquarters at 445 12th St., SW, Room TW-A325, Washington, DC 20554. The filing hours at this location are 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. All hand deliveries must be held together with rubber bands or fasteners. Any envelopes must be disposed of before entering the building. Commercial overnight mail (other than U.S. Postal Service Express Mail and Priority Mail) must be sent to 9050 Junction Drive, Annapolis Junction, MD 20701. U.S. Postal Service first-class, Express, and Priority Mail should be addressed to 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20554. All filings must be addressed to the Commission's Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission.

One copy of each *ex parte* submission also must be delivered electronically, by email or facsimile, or if delivered as paper copy, by hand or messenger delivery, by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail (according to the procedures set forth above for paper filings), to: (1) Kathy Harris, Mobility Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, at kathy.harris@fcc.gov or (202) 418-2643 (facsimile); (2) Linda Ray, Broadband Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, at linda.ray@fcc.gov or (202) 418-7247 (facsimile); (3) Kate Matraves, Competition and Infrastructure Policy Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, at catherine.matraves@fcc.gov or (202) 418-0787; and (4) Jim Bird, Office of General Counsel, at TransactionTeam@fcc.gov or (202) 418-1234 (facsimile).

For further information, send an email to T-MobileSprintTransaction@fcc.gov.