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Hearing Officer Jean Stone  
Tennessee Regulatory Authority  
460 James Robertson Parkway  
Nashville, TN 37243-0505

Re: Docket No 05-00240 - Agreement of the Parties for Paper Hearing and Briefing Schedule

Dear Hearing Officer Stone:

Sprint Nextel Corporation and the Communication Workers of America, AFL-CIO (the "parties") have agreed to submit this matter to the Authority for consideration on a paper record. Specifically, the parties have agreed that an evidentiary hearing is not required to resolve the underlying issues that have been brought before the Authority for resolution. The parties believe that the record as amended below is complete and should provide the Authority with all necessary information in its effort to resolve this matter under Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-4-113.

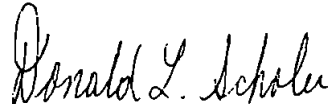
By requesting a paper hearing the parties also respectfully request that the Hearing Officer permit the entry into the record of all the prefiled testimony by the parties and the data requests submitted by the Authority Staff and by the parties and the responses thereto. In addition, the parties have resolved the issues concerning Sprint's treatment of the pension and as a result that issue no longer requires resolution by the Authority. Therefore, Ms. Goldman's prefiled direct testimony at p. 3, line 10 (confidential version), p. 16 beginning at line 12 through p. 18 ending at line 9 (confidential version), p. 23 lines 14-16 (confidential version), p. 3 line 10 (public version), p. 15 beginning at line 19 through p. 17 ending at line 16 (public version) and p. 22 lines 22-24 (public version) filed on December 9, 2005 will not be included as part of the record.

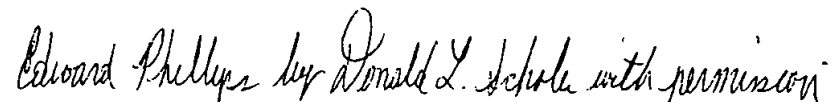
Also, in her prefiled direct testimony, Ms. Goldman references conditions and restrictions on the proposed bank debt and bond debt of LTD. The parties further stipulate and agree that her prefiled direct testimony on the proposed bank debt and bond debt of LTD should be amended as follows:

- (1) By inserting the word "possible" between the words "by" and "conditions" in line 5, p. 12 (confidential version) and in line 5, p. 12 (public version),
- (2) By inserting the word "possible" between the words "These" and "restrictions" in line 6, p. 12 (confidential version) and in line 6, p. 12 (public version);
- (3) By inserting the word "possible" between the words "its" and "restrictions" in line 20, p. 12 (confidential version) and in line 19, p. 12 (public version); and
- (4) By inserting the word "possible" between the words "accompanying" and "restrictions" in line 15, p. 15 (confidential version) and in line 3, p. 15 (public version).

The parties further request that the hearing scheduled for January 24, 2006 be cancelled and that the parties be permitted to file simultaneous briefs on January 31, 2006. Finally, because this matter has been pending since August 24, 2005 the parties respectfully request that the Voting Panel assigned to this docket consider the final resolution of this docket at the Authority's regularly scheduled March 6, 2006 Agenda Conference

With best regards,

  
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