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March 30, 2006

Mr. Richard Collier, General Counsel c/o Sharla Dillon, Records and Dockets Mgr. Tennessee Regulatory Authority 460 James Robertson Parkway Nashville, Tennessee 37243-0505

Re:

Sprint Communications Company, L.P. and Sprint Long Distance, Inc. Joint Application for Transfer of Customer Base, Docket No. 06-00039

FCC Self-Certification Letter (CC Docket 00-257)

## Dear Richard:

Please find attached the self-certification letter and attachments filed by Embarq Communications, Inc. with the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") advising the FCC of the subscriber transfer approved by the Authority in the above-referenced docket. A copy of this letter was requested by the voting panel assigned to this matter during the Authority's regularly scheduled agenda conference held on March 6, 2006. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions concerning this matter.

Sincerely yours,

**Edward Phillips** 

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March 29, 2006

Marlene Dortch Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: CC Docket No. 00-257, Notification of Subscriber Transfer

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to 47 CFR § 64.1120(e), undersigned counsel for Embarg Communications, Inc. and Embarg Communications of Virginia, Inc. (collectively, "Embarg") hereby notifies the Commission of the pending sale of some customers of Sprint Communications Company L.P. and Sprint Communications Company of Virginia, Inc. (collectively, "Sprint") to Embarg. Both Sprint and Embarg are wholly-owned subsidiaries of Sprint Nextel Corporation, and the sale of the customers in question is a prelude to the planned spin-off by Sprint Nextel of its incumbent local exchange and related businesses to its shareholders. The services provided to the affected customers are business and residential long distance services and, in the case of a small number of business customers, local exchange services that are currently being provided by Sprint as a competitive local exchange carrier. For the vast majority of these customers, the transfer of services is scheduled to begin on or about April 29, 2006 and to be completed on or about May 7, 2006; these customers have been notified. For a small percentage of customers, the transfer will take place between May 12 and May 14, 2006, and notices will be mailed to this group of customers by April 7, 2006. Embarg hereby certifies that it has complied or will comply with the requirement to provide advance customer notice in accordance with § 64.1120(e)(3) and with the obligations specified in that notice, and with all other statutory and FCC requirements that apply to this streamlined transfer process. Copies of sample notices to customers are attached.

Should you have any questions, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,
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Attachments



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## IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING YOUR SPRINT LONG DISTANCE SERVICE

March 17, 2006

<Long Distance Account Number>

Dear <First Name><Last Name>,

We are contacting you about an upcoming change to your long distance service. We recently told you about EMBARQ™, your new local telecommunications company As we explained, EMBARQ will not be part of the Sprint Nextel family of companies

As a result of this separation, Sprint Communications Company L.P., your current long distance provider, will transfer your long distance service to Embarq Communications, Inc. The transfer of your services will begin on or about April 29, 2006, and should conclude on or about May 7, 2006. After the transfer is complete, Embarq Communications, Inc. will replace Sprint Communications Company L.P. as the long distance service provider listed on your invoice. These changes are subject to obtaining all required regulatory approvals, and the filing of all appropriate documents with state agencies.

Please be assured that this transition will have no impact on your services whatsoever. You will continue to receive uninterrupted service at the same high level of quality you have come to expect. You will also retain your current plan, rates, features, Terms and Conditions of Service, and your current customer service contacts.\* You will not incur any charges related to the transfer of service to Embarq Communications, Inc., and no action is required from you regarding this transfer.

All customers have a choice in carriers for their long distance service. If you choose a different carrier for your long distance service, you may incur a fee for transferring your service. Should you choose to stay with Sprint Communications Company L.P. or select another carrier for your long distance service, you will lose certain "bundled" discounts or other benefits you may currently enjoy on your local and long distance service. A list of most long distance service providers is typically available in your local telephone directory.

Under Federal Communications Commission rules, any restrictions or "freezes" you may have placed on your account to block changes to your preferred long distance carrier will be removed as part of the transfer process. If you wish to reinstate such restrictions, have any questions about the transfer, need any assistance, or if you have any complaints before, during, and after this transfer process, please contact customer service at 866-283-9732

We welcome you to EMBARQ and look forward to providing you with reliable, innovative products and services for years to come

Sincerely,

Harry Campbell

President, Consumer Markets

<sup>\*</sup> Customers with a bundled product (a combination of local products that qualify them for a specific long distance plan) who make a change to that bundle of services will be moved to an appropriate qualifying long distance plan. Specific details regarding the long distance plan may be found at www embarg com/tariffs



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## IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING YOUR SPRINT BUSINESS LONG DISTANCE SERVICE

March 17, 2006

<Long Distance Account Number>

**Dear Valued Business Customer** 

We want to let you know about an upcoming change to your business long distance service. Our local telecommunications division is being separated from Sprint Nextel to become an independent company − EMBARQ™ If you have local services from Sprint, you should have already received information about these plans

As a part of this process, and as allowed under your terms of service, Sprint Communications Company L P, your current long distance provider, will assign your business long distance service agreement to Embarq Communications, Inc , an affiliate of Sprint Communications Company L P The transfer of your business long distance service will begin on or about April 29, 2006, and should conclude on or about May 7, 2006 After the transfer is complete, Embarq Communications, Inc will replace Sprint Communications Company L P as the long distance service provider listed on your invoice.

This transition will have no other impacts on your business long distance service. The transfer will occur automatically; no action is required on your part. You will continue to receive the same quality of service that you currently enjoy. Embarq Communications, Inc. will be responsible for handling any questions or complaints you may have before, during, and after this transfer process.

The transfer will not affect your rates or terms of service, including the right to choose a different long distance carrier Should you choose any carrier other than Embarq Communications, Inc. for your long distance service, please be aware that any discounts or other benefits you may enjoy as a result of combining your local and long distance service with one provider will be lost. Any early termination liabilities associated with your long distance service may also apply.

Under Federal Communications Commission rules, any restrictions or "freezes" you may have placed on your account to block changes to your preferred business long distance carrier will be removed as a part of the transfer process. Your local carrier can reinstate such restrictions if you wish You may visit <a href="https://www.sprint.com/pic">www.sprint.com/pic</a> for further information

If you have any questions about the transfer of your business long distance service, please call us at 1-866-407-6523. We look forward to providing you with outstanding products and services.

Sincerely,

Tom McEvoy

President, Business Markets



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## IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING YOUR SPRINT BUSINESS LOCAL SERVICE

March 17, 2006 <Account Number>

Dear Valued Business Customer

We want to let you know about an upcoming change to your business local service. As you have learned from information you have recently received, our local telecommunications division is being separated from Sprint Nextel to become an independent company − EMBARQ™

As a part of this process, and as allowed under your terms of service, Sprint Communications Company L.P., your current local provider, will assign your business local service agreement to Embarq Communications, Inc., an affiliate of Sprint Communications Company L.P. The transfer of your business local service will begin on or about April 29, 2006, and should conclude on or about May 7, 2006. After the transfer is complete, Embarq Communications, Inc. will replace Sprint Communications Company L.P. as the local service provider listed on your invoice

This transition will have no other impacts on your business local service. The transfer will occur automatically, no action is required on your part. You will continue to receive the same quality of service that you currently enjoy. Embarq Communications, Inc. will be responsible for handling any questions or complaints you may have before, during, and after this transfer process

The transfer will not affect your rates or terms of service, including the right to choose a different local carrier. Should you choose any carrier other than Embarq Communications, Inc. for your local service, please be aware that any discounts or other benefits you may enjoy as a result of combining your local and long distance service with one provider will be lost Any early termination liabilities associated with your local service may also apply

Under Federal Communications Commission rules, any restrictions or "freezes" you may have placed on your account to block changes to your preferred business local carrier will be lifted as a part of the transfer process. If you wish to reinstate such restrictions, you should contact us anytime after May 15, 2006.

If you have any questions about the transfer of your business local service, please call us at 1-800-255-8333. We look forward to providing you with outstanding products and services

Sincerely,

Tom McEvoy

President, Business Markets