



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

December 12, 2018

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Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary  
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission  
Commonwealth Keystone Building  
400 North Street  
Harrisburg, PA 17120

**Re: Application of Sprint Communications Company L.P. for Approval of a General Rule Transaction of the Indirect Change in Control by Merger of Applicant from Softbank Group Corp. to T-Mobile US, Inc. / Docket No. A-2018-3003259**

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

Enclosed please find the Notice of Intervention, Public Statement, and Verification, on behalf of the Office of Small Business Advocate ("OSBA"), in the above-captioned proceeding.

Copies will be served on all known parties in this proceeding, as indicated on the attached Certificate of Service.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Erin K. Fure".

Erin K. Fure  
Assistant Small Business Advocate  
Attorney ID No. 312245

*Enclosures*

cc: Joseph Gillan  
Parties of Record

**BEFORE THE  
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

**Application of Sprint Communications** :  
**Company L.P. for Approval of a General** :  
**Rule Transaction of the Indirect Change in** : **Docket No. A-2018-3003259**  
**Control by Merger of Applicant from** :  
**Softbank Group Corp. to T-Mobile US, Inc.** :

**NOTICE OF INTERVENTION  
OF THE SMALL BUSINESS ADVOCATE**

1. The Intervenor is:

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3. The respondent utilities are:

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4. The Intervenor is authorized and directed by the Small Business Advocate Act, Act 181 of 1988, 73 P.S. §§ 399.41 - 399.50, to represent the interests of small business consumers of utility services in matters before the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (“Commission”).

5. This Intervention is filed regarding the filing by Sprint Communications Company L.P. of its Application for Approval of a General Rule Indirect Transfer of Control, with the Commission on July 6, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,



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**PUBLIC STATEMENT OF  
THE OFFICE OF SMALL BUSINESS ADVOCATE**

The Small Business Advocate is authorized and directed to represent the interest of small business consumers of utility services in Pennsylvania under the provisions of the Small Business Advocate Act, Act 181 of 1988, 73 P.S. §§ 399.41 - 399.50 (the “Act”). The Act further provides that the Small Business Advocate is to issue publicly a written statement stating concisely the specific interest of small business consumers to be protected by his initiation of or intervention in any proceeding involving those interests before the Public Utility Commission (the “Commission”) or any other agency or court. This public statement relates to the filing today by the Small Business Advocate of a Notice of Intervention in the proceeding commenced by Sprint Communications Company L.P. (“Sprint” or “the Company”) of its Application for Approval of a General Rule Indirect Transfer of Control (“Application”). The Application requests Commission approval of a merger transaction that will result in an indirect change in control from Sprint Corporation to T-Mobile USA, Inc., resulting in Sprint becoming a wholly owned subsidiary of T-Mobile USA, Inc.

The Small Business Advocate files this Notice of Intervention in order to protect the interests of the Company’s small business customers. A thorough inquiry by the Commission into all of the elements of the Application is necessary to ensure that the proposed transaction is

in the public interest and affirmatively promotes the service, accommodation, convenience, or safety to the public in some substantial way.

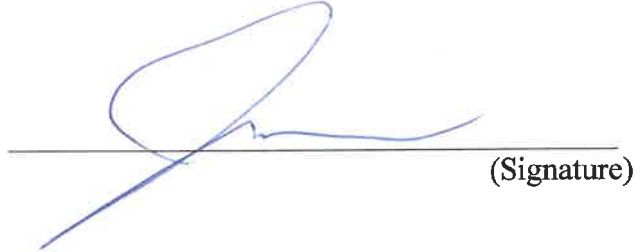
In view of the foregoing, the Small Business Advocate will participate in proceedings before the Commission to investigate the transaction proposed in the Application. The Small Business Advocate will ask the Commission to deny the proposed transaction if it is not in the public interest and does not affirmatively promote the service, accommodation, convenience, or safety of the public in some substantial way.

Dated: December 12, 2018

**VERIFICATION**

I, John R. Evans, hereby state that the facts set forth herein above are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief and that I expect to be able to prove the same at a hearing held in this matter. I understand that the statements herein are made subject to the penalties of 18 Pa. C.S. § 4904 (relating to unsworn falsification to authorities).

Date: December 12, 2018



(Signature)

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that true and correct copies of the foregoing have been served via email and/or First-Class mail (*unless otherwise noted below*) upon the following persons, in accordance with the requirements of 52 Pa. Code § 1.54 (relating to service by a participant).

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