

Ex Parte Notification via ECFS

May 13, 2021

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commissions
45 L Street NE
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Applications of T-Mobile US, Inc. and Sprint Corporation for Consent to Transfer Control of Licenses and Authorizations, WT Docket No. 18-197; and Facilitating Shared Use in the 3100-3550 MHz Band, WT Docket No. 19-348

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On May 11, 2021, Chip Pickering, CEO of INCOMPAS, and the undersigned spoke with Umair Javed, Acting Chief Counsel for Acting Chairwoman Rosenworcel concerning the current plans for T-Mobile to shut down its 3G CDMA network it acquired during its merger with Sprint by January 1, 2022, which appears to be significantly sooner than the three year timeline T-Mobile provided to regulators while their merger was under review. We urged the Commission to investigate the potential negative impact to millions of Boost customers reliant on the CDMA network and were acquired by DISH as a condition for the merger. We emphasized that the FCC has a public interest role in ensuring that consumers will not be disconnected and that competition will not be thwarted.

The May 3 letter from the Public Interest Spectrum Coalition correctly asserts the need for Commission oversight given the circumstances of the pandemic, the handset and chip shortage, and the likelihood that these prepaid customers are difficult to reach and may be especially vulnerable for service disruption. In particular, we noted how past Commissions have encouraged industry to resolve thorny issues in other proceedings through negotiated settlements overseen by the Commission, and we urged Acting Chairwoman Rosenworcel to take that approach here.

INCOMPAS members have been actively involved in building 5G networks, and we support the overall goal for transitioning customers from networks of the past to the networks of the future. In that transition, however, it is critical to ensure that customers are transitioned successfully and can continue to obtain the service from their provider of choice.

Should you have any questions concerning the foregoing, please let me know.

Respectfully submitted,

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