

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
BEFORE THE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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**Petition for Approval of Agreement between
Granite State Telephone, Inc. and Sprint Nextel**

Granite State Telephone, Inc. (“GST”), a New Hampshire corporation engaged in business as a telephone utility and an incumbent local exchange carrier subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission, respectfully represents as follows:

1. GST has its principal place of business in South Weare, New Hampshire and provides wireline telecommunication service to the towns of Chester, East Deering, Hillsborough Upper Village, Sandown, Washington, Weare and Windsor as well of sections of the towns of Antrim, Auburn, Derry, Hopkinton and New Boston.
2. Sprint Spectrum, LP, as agent and General Partner for Wireless Co., LP, and as agent for SprintCom, Inc., all foregoing entities jointly d/b/a Sprint PCS; Nextel Communications of the Mid-Atlantic, Inc.; and NCPR, Inc., with offices at 6200 Sprint Parkway, Building 6, Overland Park, Kansas (jointly referred to as “Sprint Nextel”) and provide of cellular mobile radio service (“CMRS”) within GST’s service territory. Pursuant to RSA 362:6, Sprint Nextel is not a public utility under New Hampshire law, and its CMRS services are not subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission.

3. Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. §251(a), GST and Sprint Nextel have entered into a Wireless Interconnection and Reciprocal Compensation Agreement effective December 1, 2007 (the "Interconnection Agreement").

4. The Interconnection Agreement sets forth the terms and conditions pursuant for GST and Sprint Nextel to interconnect, exchange traffic and compensate one another.

5. The Interconnection Agreement has been executed by GST pursuant to its obligations under 47 U.S.C. §251(a).

6. GST is submitting the Interconnection Agreement to the Commission pursuant to 47 U.S.C. §252(e), which provides for the Commission to either "approve or reject the [Interconnection Agreement] with written findings as to any deficiencies" and further provides that this Commission may only reject the Interconnection Agreement if "the [Interconnection Agreement] (or a portion thereof) discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement...[or] the implementation of [the Interconnection Agreement] or portion is not consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity."

7. GST knows of no grounds for rejection of the Interconnection Agreement.

WHEREFORE, GST respectfully requests that this Commission approve the Interconnection Agreement.

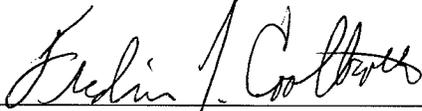
Respectfully submitted,

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