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**WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU GRANTS CONSENT
TO THE ASSIGNMENT OF PORTIONS OR ALL OF THREE PERSONAL
COMMUNICATIONS SERVICE LICENSES COVERING PARTS OF ILLINOIS,
INDIANA, MICHIGAN, MISSOURI, AND OHIO FROM UNITED STATES
CELLULAR CORPORATION TO SPRINT NEXTEL CORPORATION**

ULS File Nos. 0005549463, 0005549472, and 0005549491

I. DESCRIPTION OF TRANSACTION

SprintCom, Inc. ("SprintCom") and Sprint Spectrum, L.P. ("Sprint Spectrum"), both wholly-owned subsidiaries of Sprint Nextel Corporation (collectively, "Sprint"), and United States Cellular Operating Company of Chicago, LLC and USCOC of Greater Missouri, LLC, both wholly-owned subsidiaries of United States Cellular Corporation (collectively, "U.S. Cellular," and together with Sprint, the "Applicants"), filed applications pursuant to section 310(d) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (the "Act"),¹ seeking to assign portions or all of three Personal Communications Service ("PCS") licenses, covering parts of Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Missouri, and Ohio, from U.S. Cellular to Sprint.

The proposed transaction involves the transfer of 10 to 20 megahertz of PCS spectrum in all or parts of 31 Cellular Market Areas, including Chicago and St. Louis, along with the transfer of 585,000 subscribers in these areas. According to the Applicants, the additional spectrum would provide Sprint with access to additional network capacity in areas of significant demand, while U.S. Cellular would be able to focus its efforts on the markets it would continue to serve.

II. SECTION 310(d) APPLICATIONS FOR ASSIGNMENT OF LICENSES

Pursuant to section 310(d) of the Act and section 0.331 of the Commission's rules,² the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau ("Bureau") grants the following applications requesting Commission consent to the assignment of portions or all of three PCS licenses as described above. No comments or petitions to deny were received in response to the Public Notice announcing that the applications had been accepted for filing.³ The Bureau finds, upon full consideration of the record, that the proposed license

¹ 47 U.S.C. § 310(d).

² 47 C.F.R. § 0.331.

³ Sprint Nextel Corporation and United States Cellular Corporation Seek FCC Consent to the Assignment of Portions or all of three Personal Communications Service Licenses covering parts of Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Missouri and Ohio. *Public Notice*, DA 13-55 (rel. Jan. 15, 2013).

assignments would serve the public interest, convenience, and necessity.⁴ The following applications for consent to the full or partial assignment of three PCS licenses from U.S. Cellular to Sprint are hereby granted.

<u>File No.</u>	<u>Licensee/Assignor</u>	<u>Assignee</u>	<u>Lead Call Sign</u>
0005549463	United States Cellular Operating Company of Chicago, LLC	SprintCom, Inc.	WPQL237
0005549472	United States Cellular Operating Company of Chicago, LLC	SprintCom, Inc.	WPVX733
0005549491	USCOC of Greater Missouri, LLC	Sprint Spectrum, L.P.	WPYI873

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⁴ See 47 U.S.C. § 310(d).