

### **Response to Question 43 – Description of Application**

Nextel Communications of the Mid-Atlantic, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of Sprint Corporation (collectively, “Sprint”), has licensed a domestic VSAT network consisting of fixed hub sites and transportable remote earth stations. These facilities are deployed to operate in remote areas, where disasters have destroyed or impaired traditional forms of wireless telecommunications, at major events/attractions, and at special events requiring enhanced security. Sprint can operate these movable stations wherever additional or replacement infrastructure is needed throughout the United States and its territories.

Sprint seeks Commission approval of the addition of new remotes and “fly away kits” to its VSAT network. These additional remote stations will allow Sprint to expand its capabilities by utilizing satellite backhaul to improve coverage where it is needed, primarily in rural areas throughout the United States and its territories. Sprint respectfully submits that the grant of this application will enable it to improve its coverage, capacity, and service.