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August 30, 2005

Ms. Beth Salak
Director, Division of Competitive Markets and Enforcement
Attention: Tariff Section
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

RE: **TL727** 

Dear Ms. Salak:

Attached for filing, please find the following revised pages for the Sprint-Florida, Incorporated General Exchange Tariff. This filing is submitted with a proposed effective date of September 1, 2005. The Company's tariffs are available on its website at <a href="https://www.sprint.com/tariffs">www.sprint.com/tariffs</a>.

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The purpose of this filing is to add National School Lunch Program to the list of programs in which customers must participate to qualify for the Lifeline Assistance Program.

Effective with the Commission's Decision at the August 30, 2005 Agenda Conference in Docket No. 050490-TL, Petition for approval of Service Guarantee Program, with relief from requirements of Rules 25-4.066(2), 25-4.070(3)(a), 25-4.073(1)(a) and (c), and 25-4.110(6), F.A.C., by Sprint-Florida, Incorporated, this filing is being made with a September 1, 2005 effective date.

Commission consideration and timely approval of these pages are respectfully requested. If you have questions or need additional information regarding this filing, please call Nancy Schnitzer at 850-599-1276.

Sincerely,

Mary L. Matthews

cc: Nancy Schnitzer Attachments

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### GENERAL EXCHANGE TARIFF

SPRINT-FLORIDA, INCORPORATED

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# J. LIFELINE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

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- b. The federal and Company credits are applied to the local service bills for qualified residential recipients of public assistance who apply for the credits and authorize agency verification of their participation in at least one of the following programs: Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), Medicaid, Supplementary Security Income (SSI), food stamps, Federal Public Housing Assistance (Section 8), Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) and National School Lunch Program (free meals program only).
- c. An applicant living on federally recognized Native American reservations is eligible for additional credit as outlined in J.1.a. preceding, if he/she is currently a recipient of benefits from one of the following assistance programs: Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), Medicaid, Supplementary Security Income (SSI), food stamps, Federal Public Housing Assistance (Section 8), Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), Federal Public Housing Assistance, Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) General Assistance, Tribally Administered Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, Head Start (only for those meeting its income qualifying standard) and National School Lunch Program (free meals program only).
- d. Additionally, customers not receiving benefits under one of the preceding programs, and whose total gross annual income does not exceed 125% of the federal poverty guidelines, meet the requirements of a State established means test and may apply directly to the Office of Public Counsel (OPC) for eligibility certification.
- e. Lifeline Assistance is available for one telephone line per residence, at the customer's principle place of residence.

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