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**Communication to DISH employees from Joe Clayton, DISH President and Chief Executive Officer**

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Fellow Employees,

Last week, you may have seen that we announced our first-quarter earnings. Though we had several headwinds, including our first customer price increase in two years, I would have preferred stronger fundamental performance from across the business. One bright spot worth noting: although our net activations were below last year's, we did beat DirecTV.

We will cover our Q1 performance in more detail and expectations for the remainder of the year at our May 24 ATM, which will be broadcast from our El Paso, Texas facilities. Watch for more details.

No doubt, you have also been following the exciting news about our proposal to merge with Sprint

As Charlie reported in the analyst call, we continue to work with the Sprint board's special committee and we are answering their questions. It is our hope that they will share our conclusion that our offer is superior to SoftBank's. Stay tuned!

Remember, the reason we are positioned to pursue this deal is because of you. Our discipline, our focus on the customer, and our passion has given us options. After 40 years in business, I can say with authority that we are in a unique position.

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Hard work, dedication, responsibility and accountability are key traits of our culture. They drive our success, our opportunities, and they make DISH the BEST company in America to work for. Period!

I hope you all share my enthusiasm. I look forward to speaking with you all on May 24 from El Paso.

Here's to winning!

Joe C.

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