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**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office
in Jefferson City on the 17th
day of February, 1999.

In the Matter of Sprint Missouri, Inc. d/b/a)
Sprint's Proposed New Tariff P.S.C. Mo.-No. 22,)
Section 39, to Offer Sprint Solutions® as a)
Special Service.)
Case No. TT-99-345
(Tariff File 9900537)

ORDER GRANTING INTERVENTION AND SUSPENDING TARIFF

Sprint Missouri, Inc., d/b/a Sprint (Sprint) submitted a tariff filing (File No. 9900537) to the Commission for approval on January 26, 1999, with an effective date of February 25. Sprint's filing is designed to introduce its Sprint Solutions® which includes six different residential services packages from which customers can choose.

The Small Telephone Company Group¹ (STCG) file an Application to Intervene and Motion to Suspend Tariff on February 11. STCG stated that

¹ For purposes of this proceeding, the Small Telephone Company Group consists of ALLTEL Missouri, Inc., BPS Telephone Company, Cass County Telephone Company, Citizens Telephone Company of Higginsville, Missouri, Inc., Craw-Kan Telephone Cooperative, Inc., Ellington Telephone Company, Farber Telephone Company, Goodman Telephone Company, Inc., Granby Telephone Company, Grand River Mutual Telephone Corporation, Green Hills Telephone Corporation, Holway Telephone Company, Iamo Telephone Company, KLM Telephone Company, Kingdom Telephone Company, Lathrop Telephone Company, Le-Ru Telephone Company, Mark Twain Rural Telephone Company, McDonald County Telephone Company, Miller Telephone Company, New Florence Telephone Company, New London Telephone Company, Orchard Farm Telephone Company, Oregon Farmers Mutual Telephone Company, Ozark Telephone Company, Rock Port Telephone Company, Seneca Telephone Company, Steelville Telephone Exchange, Inc., and Stoutland Telephone Company.

the tariff filing will directly affect its interests as providers of telecommunications services in Missouri.

STCG raised numerous objections to the tariff, including the following:

- a. the tariff violates the terms of the Primary Toll Carrier Plan;
- b. discriminatory pricing in violation of Section 392.200.2, RSMo Supp. 1998;
- c. geographic deaveraging in violation of Section 392.200.4, RSMo Supp. 1998;
- d. Sprint Solutions[®] should not be filed in the General Exchange Tariff because it is a toll service;
- e. Sprint Solutions[®] bundles local and toll services which has previously been rejected by the Commission in Case No. TT-98-545²;
- f. Sprint made no arrangements to terminate Sprint Solutions[®] calls to other Missouri incumbent local exchange carriers;
- g. The tariff combines flat-rated toll plans with usage-sensitive toll plans; and
- h. Sprint Solutions[®] cannot be costed and priced properly.

² In the Matter of GTE Midwest Incorporated's Proposed Revision of its PSC MO. NO. 1 to Introduce LATA-wide GTE Extended Reach Plan.

The Commission has reviewed Sprint's tariff filing and the motion to suspend. The Commission finds that the intervention request of STCG is in substantial compliance with the Commission's rules regarding interventions and that it has an interest which is different from that of the general public. The Commission finds that the intervention of STCG should be granted. The Commission also finds that there are questions of fact that need to be resolved before the Commission can approve the proposed tariff sheets, and a hearing may be necessary to resolve these issues.

The proposed tariff sheets will be suspended for a period of one hundred twenty days beyond the effective date of February 25, 1999, to June 25, 1999, or until otherwise ordered by this Commission. The Commission finds that interested parties should be given notice and an opportunity to intervene.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the application to intervene of the Small Telephone Company Group is granted.

2. That the effective date of the tariff sheets, submitted on January 26, 1999, by Sprint Missouri, Inc. d/b/a Sprint are suspended to June 25, 1999, or until otherwise ordered by this Commission. The suspended tariff sheets are:

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3. That the Records Department of the Missouri Public Service Commission is directed to give notice to each certificated telecommunications carrier in the state of Missouri.

4. That any proper person wishing to intervene in this matter shall file an application to do so no later than March 9, 1999, with:

Secretary, Missouri Public Service Commission
Post Office Box 360
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102,

and a copy served on:

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5454 West 110th Street
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Post Office Box 456
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

and

Office of the Public Counsel
Post Office Box 7800
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

5. That this order shall become effective on February 25, 1999.

BY THE COMMISSION



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(S E A L)

Lumpe, Ch., Drainer, Murray,
and Schemenauer, CC., concur.
Crumpton, C., absent.

Dippell, Senior Regulatory Law Judge