

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
STATE OF MISSOURI**

In Re: The Traffic Termination Agreement)
By and Between Sprint Communications)
Company L.P. and Southwestern Bell) **Case No. _____**
Telephone, L.P. d/b/a Southwestern Bell)
Telephone Company Pursuant to Sections)
251 and 252 of the Telecommunications Act)
of 1996)

**APPLICATION OF SPRINT COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY L.P.
FOR APPROVAL OF A TRAFFIC TERMINATION AGREEMENT**

COMES NOW, Sprint Communications Company L.P. d/b/a Sprint (hereinafter “Sprint”) and hereby files its Application for Approval of a Traffic Termination Agreement between Sprint Communications Company L.P. d/b/a Sprint and Southwestern Bell Telephone L.P. d/b/a Southwestern Bell Telephone Company pursuant to the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the Federal Act). In support of its application, Sprint states as follows:

I. APPLICANT

Sprint Communications Company L.P. is a certified competitive local exchange carrier authorized to transact business within the State of Missouri and is authorized by the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) to provide basic local and interexchange telecommunications service within the state.

II. TRAFFIC TERMINATION AGREEMENT

Sprint presents to the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) its application pursuant to the terms of the Federal Act. The parties executed a Traffic Termination Agreement (the Agreement) on April 3, 2003 between Sprint Communications Company L.P., and Southwestern Bell Telephone L.P. d/b/a

Southwestern Bell Telephone Company. There are no outstanding issues related to the Agreement between the parties which requires the assistance of mediation or arbitration.

III. STANDARD FOR REVIEW

The statutory standard of review under Section 252(e) of the Act states:

- (e) Approval by State Commission
 - (1) Approval Required. Any interconnection agreement adopted by negotiation or arbitration shall be submitted for approval to the state commission. A State commission to which an agreement is submitted to shall approve or reject the agreement, with written findings as to any deficiencies.
 - (2) under subsection (a) if it finds Grounds for Rejection. The State commission may only reject.
 - (A) an agreement (or any portion thereof) adopted by negotiation that:
 - (i) the agreement (or portion thereof) discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement, or
 - (ii) the implementation of such agreement or portion is not consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity; or...

Applicant further states that the Agreement is consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity in that it allows for full and fair competition and greater choice for the consumer. The Applicant further states that the Agreement does not discriminate against other carriers not a party to the Agreement as the terms of the Agreement are equally available to any other carrier.

IV. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL

Sprint seeks the Commission's approval of the Agreement, consistent with the provisions of the Federal Act. Both parties believe that the implementation of this Agreement complies fully with Section 252(e) of the Federal Act because the Agreement is consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity and does not

discriminate against any telecommunications carrier. The Agreement promotes diversity in providers, provides interconnectivity, and increases customer choices for telecommunications services.

Sprint and Southwestern Bell Telephone Company respectfully request that the Commission grant approval of the Agreement, without change, suspension or other delay in its implementation.

V. MISSOURI LEGISLATION

The negotiated and executed Agreement is consistent with the Missouri Legislation, Senate Bill No. 507, which became effective on August 28, 1996.

VI. CONCLUSION

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, Applicant prays that the Commission approve the Traffic Termination Agreement between Sprint Communications Company L.P. and Southwestern Bell Telephone Company.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERIFICATION

I, Lisa Creighton Hendricks, an attorney and duly authorized representative of Sprint Missouri, Inc. hereby verify and affirm that I have read the foregoing Application of Sprint Communications Company L.P. d/b/a Sprint For Approval of a Traffic Termination Agreement and that the statements contained therein are true and correct to the best of my information and belief.

Lisa Creighton Hendricks

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this ____ day of _____, 2003.

Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that on this ____ day of _____, 2003, a copy of the above and foregoing and any attachments were served by U.S. Mail, postage prepaid and or email or facsimile to each of the following:

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