

# BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of Alma )  
Telephone Company for Approval of an )  
Amendment to its Traffic Termination )  
Agreement With Sprint Spectrum, L.P., )  
d/b/a Sprint PCS on Behalf of its Affiliates )

**File No. IK-2012-0398**

## ORDER DIRECTING NOTICE, SETTING INTERVENTION DEADLINE, AND MAKING SPRINT SPECTRUM A PARTY

Issue Date: May 30, 2012

Effective Date: May 30, 2012

**Syllabus:** This order provides notice of this application to interested parties, establishes a deadline for intervention and for requesting a hearing, and joins the other party to the interconnection agreement, Sprint Spectrum, L.P. d/b/a Sprint Spectrum ("Sprint Spectrum"), as a party to this proceeding.

On May 30, 2012, Alma Communications Company, d/b/a Alma Telephone Company ("Alma Telephone Company") filed an application with the Commission for approval of an amendment to the negotiated interconnection agreement with Sprint Spectrum under the provisions of the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996. Alma Telephone Company states that the amendment complies with Section 252(e) of the Act in that it is consistent with public interest, convenience and necessity, and not discriminatory to nonparty carriers.

Although Sprint Spectrum is a party to the agreement, it did not join in the application. Because Sprint Spectrum is a necessary party to a full and fair adjudication of this matter, the Commission will add Sprint Spectrum as a party to this case.

The Act provides that an interconnection or resale agreement must be approved unless the state commission finds that the agreement discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement, or that implementation of the agreement is not consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity.<sup>1</sup> Section 252(e)(4) of the Act provides that if the Commission has not approved an agreement within 90 days after submission, the agreement shall be deemed approved. The Commission finds that proper persons shall be allowed 15 days from the issuance of this order to file a motion for hearing. The Commission also finds that notice of this application shall be sent to all interexchange and local exchange telecommunications companies.

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:**

1. The Commission's Data Center shall send notice to all interexchange and local exchange telecommunications companies.
2. Sprint Spectrum, L.P. d/b/a Sprint Spectrum is made a party to this case.
3. Any party wishing to request a hearing shall do so by filing a pleading no later than June 14, 2012, with:

Steven C. Reed, Secretary  
Missouri Public Service Commission  
Post Office Box 360  
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

Or by using the Commission's electronic filing and information service.

4. If no other person or entity intervenes, the Staff of the Commission shall file a memorandum advising either approval or rejection of this agreement and giving the reasons therefore no later than June 29, 2012.

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<sup>1</sup> 47 U.S.C. § 252(e).

5. This order shall become effective upon issuance.

**BY THE COMMISSION**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Reed', is positioned above the printed name.

Steven C. Reed  
Secretary

( S E A L )

Harold Stearley, Deputy Chief Regulatory  
Law Judge, by delegation of authority  
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 30th day of May, 2012.