

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

Application of Sprint Nextel Corporation for)	
Approval of the Transfer of Control of Sprint)	
Missouri, Inc., Sprint Long Distance, Inc., and)	<u>Case No. IO-2006-0086</u>
Sprint Payphone Services, Inc. from Sprint Nextel)	
Corporation to LTD Holding Company)	

ORDER SETTING PREHEARING CONFERENCE

Issue Date: December 7, 2005

Effective Date: December 7, 2005

Sprint Nextel Corporation has filed an application requesting authority to transfer control of Sprint Missouri, Inc., Sprint Long Distance, Inc., and Sprint Payphone Services, to LTD Holding Company, a new corporate entity to be spun off from Sprint Nextel. On November 15, the Commission's Staff filed a recommendation advising the Commission to approve Sprint Nextel's application, subject to several specific conditions. The Commission ordered that any party wishing to respond to Staff's recommendation do so on or before December 6.

On December 6, Sprint Nextel responded to Staff's recommendation by indicating that it would accept seventeen of Staff's nineteen proposed conditions. Sprint Nextel, however, indicated that it could not accept two of those conditions and proposed alternative conditions for the Commission's consideration. Communications Workers of America also filed a response to Staff's recommendation on December 6. CWA contends that Staff's recommendations do not provide sufficient protection to the public and proposes several

additional conditions. The Office of the Public Counsel did not file a response on December 6, but instead filed a motion asking for leave to file its response on December 8.

Even without a response from Public Counsel, it is apparent that there is currently no agreement among the parties. Therefore, the Commission will need to move forward toward a hearing to consider Sprint Nextel's application. To that end, the Commission will schedule a prehearing conference for the purpose of bringing the parties together to discuss a further procedural schedule.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That a prehearing conference shall be held on December 16, 2005, at 2:00 p.m.

2. That the prehearing conference will be held at the Commission's office at the Governor Office Building, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri, Room 305. This building meets accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. If you need additional accommodations to participate in this conference, please call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 prior to the conference. **Parties may participate by telephone by dialing 573-751-9630.**

3. That this order shall become effective on December 7, 2005.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colleen M. Dale', written over a horizontal line.

Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

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Morris L. Woodruff, Senior Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant to
Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 7th day of December, 2005.