

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

In the Matter of the Application of Sprint)	
Long Distance, Inc., for a Certificate of)	Case No. LA-2006-0075
Authority to Provide Competitive Intrastate)	Tariff File No. JX-2006-0106
Interexchange Telecommunications Service)	
within the State of Missouri.)	

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) and states:

1. The Staff recommends that the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) grant Sprint Long Distance, Inc., (Applicant), a certificate of service authority to provide interexchange telecommunications services. The Commission shall grant an application for a certificate of telecommunications service authority upon a finding that the grant of authority is in the public interest. §§392.430 and 392.440, RSMo 2000. A copy of the Staff recommendation dated September 12, 2005, is marked "Appendix A," attached hereto and made a part hereof.

2. Staff also recommends that the Commission classify the Applicant and its services as competitive. The Commission may classify a telecommunications provider or its services as competitive if the Commission determines it is subject to sufficient competition to justify a lesser degree of regulation. §392.361.4, RSMo 2000. All the services a competitive company provides must be classified as competitive. §392.361.3, RSMo 2000.

3. Staff further recommends that the Commission approve the waivers listed in the Notice of Application. The Commission may waive the application of its rules and certain statutes if the Commission determines that waiver is consistent with the purposes of Chapter 392. §§ 392.185, 392.361.5 and 392.420, RSMo 2000.

4. Finally, Staff recommends that the Commission grant approval of the Applicant's proposed tariff, P.S.C. Mo. Tariff No. 12, with a proposed effective date of October 1, 2005.

WHEREFORE, Staff recommends that the Commission grant Sprint Long Distance, Inc., a certificate of service authority to provide interexchange telecommunications services; grant it the requested competitive classification; grant the waivers listed in the Commission's Notice of Application; and approve its proposed tariff P.S.C. Mo. Tariff No. 12, with a proposed effective date of October 1, 2005.

Respectfully submitted,

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Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel of record this 13th day of September 2005.

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MEMORANDUM

To: Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File
Case No.: **LA-2006-0075** File No.: **JX-2006-0106**
Applicant: **Sprint Long Distance, Inc. (Sprint LD)**

From: Arthur P. Kuss
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Subject: Staff Recommendation for Approval of Certificate of Service and Tariff Filing

Date: September 12, 2005 **Filing Deadline:** September 22, 2005

The Telecommunications Department Staff (Staff) recommends the applicant be granted the following certificate(s), as indicated below, to be effective on the same date the tariff becomes effective:

- Certificate to provide basic local exchange telecommunications services. Granting the certificate should be based on the following conditions:
1. The applicant's originating and terminating access rates will be no greater than the lowest Commission approved corresponding access rates in effect for each ILEC within whose service area the applicant seeks authority to provide service, unless authorized by the Commission pursuant to Sections 392.220 and 392.230 RSMo.
 2. The certificate and service classification for switched access service is conditioned on the continued applicability of Section 392.200 RSMo, and the requirement that any increases in switched access services rates above the maximum switched access service rates set forth herein shall be made pursuant to Sections 392.220 and 392.230 RSMo, and not Sections 392.500 and 392.510 RSMo.
 3. If the directly competing ILEC, in whose service area the applicant is operating, decreases its originating and/or terminating access service rates, the applicant shall file an appropriate tariff amendment to reduce its originating and/or terminating access rates in the directly competing ILEC's service area within 30 days of the directly competing ILEC's reduction of its originating and/or terminating access rates in order to maintain the cap.

- Certificate to provide Interexchange telecommunications services.
- Certificate to provide local exchange telecommunications services.*
*Local exchange authority should be restricted to dedicated, private line services.
- The Applicant has complied with 4 CSR 3.510(1)(C) by filing a tariff for interexchange service with an effective date not fewer than 45 days from the issue date. The applicant cannot lawfully provide service until tariffs are effective.
- No objection to tariff for P.S.C. Mo. Effective
Interexchange service taking effect: Tariff No. 12 Date: October 01, 2005

Staff recommends the applicant and its services receive competitive classification. In addition, Staff recommends approval of the waivers listed in the Notice.

- The Company is not delinquent in filing an annual report or paying the PSC assessment.
- The Company is delinquent. Staff recommends the Commission grant the requested relief/action on the condition the applicant corrects the delinquency. The applicant should be instructed to make the appropriate filing in this case after it has corrected the delinquency.
- No annual report. Unpaid PSC assessment. Amount owed: _____
- There is an attachment to this recommendation.

Review Items for IXC, Non-switched Local and CLEC Certificate Applications:

(As required by 4 CSR 240-2.060):

- Proper Secretary of State authorization.
- Statement of character of business performed.
- Statement declaring no pending action or final unsatisfied judgments (Exception: see above).
- Statement declaring no overdue annual reports or assessment fees.
- Application includes an affidavit.
- The applicant is requesting waivers of rules or statutes previously granted to a competitively classified company.

(As required by RSMo 392.430/440):

- Application shows that grant of authority is in the public interest.

Additional Review Items for CLEC Certificate Applications: N/A

(As required by RSMo 392.455):

- Possesses sufficient technical, financial and managerial resources and abilities.
- Identifies geographic area (no smaller than an exchange).
- Statement that applicant will offer basic local service as a separate and distinct service.
- Statement that applicant will give equitable access to all Missourians.

Tariff Review Items (applicable for all competitively classified companies):

- Properly formatted:
(Company name, PSC MO No., Page #, Page revision #, proposed effective date).
- Identifies competitive classification.
- Identifies waivers granted.
- ICB pricing, if proposed, limited for private line, special access or Centrex-like services [RSMo 392.200(8)].
- Proposed rates do not establish geographic deaveraged rates (if not checked, explain in attachment) [RSMo 392.200(4)].
- If an alternative operator service provider (receives more than 40% of revenues from traffic aggregators) operator service rates do not exceed: Person-to-Person (\$12.50), Station-to-Station/Calling Card (\$7.50) [RSMo 392.515(1)].

Tariff Review Items (applicable only for CLECs): N/A

- Interconnection agreement approved (if not checked, explain in attachment).
- Tariff clearly indicates areas offering local service [RSMo 392.455(3)]. Tariff identifies by exchange the areas where it offers basic local telecommunications service.
- Tariff offers local service as a separate and distinct service [RSMo 392.455(4)].
- Switched access rates capped at ILEC's rates.