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Missouri Public Service Commission

The Honorable Dale Roberts Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge Missouri Public Service Commission 301 W. High Street, Suite 530 Jefferson City, Missouri 65101

**VIA AIRBORNE EXPRESS** 

Re: In the Matter of the Application of Southwestern Bell Communications Services, Inc., d/b/a Southwestern Bell Long Distance, for a Certificate of Service Authority to Provide Interexchange Telecommunications Services Within the State of Missouri Case No. TM-99-47

Dear Judge Roberts:

Enclosed for filing please find the original and fifteen (15) copies of the Motion to Change Date of Prehearing Conference of Sprint Communications Company, L.P. ("Sprint").

Please provide a filed-stamped copy of this Motion in the self-addressed stamped envelope.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me at 913/624-5233.

Very truly yours,

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Ken Schifman

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

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## MOTION TO CHANGE DATE OF PREHEARING CONFERENCE

Sprint Communications Co. L.P. (Sprint), in response to the Commission's

September 9, 1998 Order Granting Interventions and Setting Early Prehearing

Conference respectfully submits its Motion To Change Date of Prehearing Conference.

In support thereof, Sprint respectfully states as follows:

1. On September 9, 1998, the Commission issued its Order Granting

Interventions and Setting Early Prehearing Conference. In that Order, the Commission

scheduled a prehearing conference for September 30, 1998 for the purpose of

establishing a proposed procedural schedule.

2. The undersigned counsel for Sprint cannot attend the scheduled early prehearing conference due to the Jewish holiday of Yom Kippur that begins at sundown on September 29 and ends sundown on September 30<sup>th</sup>.

3. Recognizing that prehearing conferences usually do not require the attendance of the Commission, Sprint believes that the movement of this prehearing conference should not result in a conflict with the Commission's busy schedule.

4. Furthermore, Sprint would note that Southwestern Bell Long Distance (SBLD) has not yet obtained FCC approval under Section 271 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. In fact, SBLD has not even filed its Application for 271 Approval with the FCC or the Missouri Commission. As such, the Commission is not bound by any time restraints in its consideration of the pending case. Therefore, the movement of the prehearing conference will not prejudice any of the parties previously granted intervention in this docket.

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WHEREFORE, Sprint respectfully requests that the Commission move the early prehearing conference in this proceeding from September 30, 1998 due to the Jewish holiday of Yom Kippur.

Respectfully submitted,

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## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was mailed, first class, postage prepaid, this  $\underline{L8}$  day of September, 1998, to:

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