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Service Commission

VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS

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

Re: In the Matter of the Merger of SBC Communications, Inc. and

Ameritech Corporation Case No TM-99-76

Dear Judge Roberts:

Enclosed for filing please find the original and fifteen (15) copies of Sprint Communications Company L.P.'s Motion to Change Date of Oral Argument in the above-styled proceeding.

Please provide a filed-stamped copy to me in the self-addressed stamped envelope. Please call me at 913/624-6839 if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Very truly yours,

Kenneth A. Schifman

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BEFORE THE MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE MERGER OF)
SBC COMMUNICATIONS, INC. AND
AMERITECH CORPORATION.

Case No. TM-98-76/1/25 Ouri Public Communications.

## MOTION TO CHANGE DATE OF ORAL ARGUMENT

- 1. In an Order issued on September 8, 1998, the Commission ordered public counsel, staff, SWBT, and other interested parties to present their arguments on the Commission's jurisdiction over the proposed merger between SBC Communications, Inc., SBC Delaware, Inc., and Ameritech Corporation. The Commission also ordered the named parties and other interested parties to address what they believe should be contained in the Commission's comments to the FCC regarding the proposed merger. The Commission scheduled the arguments to occur on September 30, 1998. Sprint Communications Company, L.P. ("Sprint") hereby moves the Commission to change the oral argument date from September 30, 1998 to September 29, 1998 due to the Jewish holiday of Yom Kippur.
- 2. Simultaneous with filing this motion Sprint filed an application to intervene in this docket. In addition, Sprint intends to present to the Commission soon a paper demonstrating that Missouri law compels the Commission to exercise jurisdiction over the proposed merger. Sprint also intends to supply the Commission with information that it may use in developing its comments to the FCC. Sprint is an interested party in this proceeding.
- 3. The undersigned counsel for Sprint cannot attend the scheduled oral argument due to the Jewish holiday of Yom Kippur that begins at sundown on September 29 and ends sundown on September 30<sup>th</sup>.



- 4. Counsel for Sprint believes that the Commission has an opening in its schedule on the morning of September 29. Movement of the oral argument one day earlier does not prejudice any of the parties stated in the Commission's Order or other interested parties. In fact, the proposed changed date will give the Commission an extra day to formulate its comments to the FCC on the proposed merger.
- Counsel for Sprint has contacted Staff and the Office of Public Counsel.
   Neither objects to moving the time for oral argument to the morning of September 29, 1998.
- Sprint is not presenting this motion to unduly delay the proceedings. The
  Commission, under Sprint's proposed time of the morning of September 29,
  1998, will have additional time to draft its comments to the FCC.

WHEREFORE, Sprint requests the Commission to move the oral argument in this proceeding from September 30, 1998, to the morning of September 29, 1998 due to the Jewish holiday of Yom Kippur.

Respectfully Submitted,

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