

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) **Case No. IO-2006-0086**
Sprint Payphone Services, Inc., from Sprint Nextel)
Corporation to LTD Holding Company)

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC COUNSEL'S STATEMENT REGARDING PUBLIC INTEREST AND THE PROPOSED TRANSFER

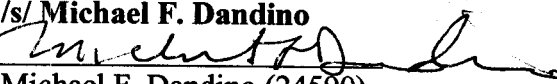
On December 8, 2005, the Office of the Public Counsel filed its comments to the Missouri Public Service Commission on the Staff's recommendation that the Sprint Nextel Corporation and LTD Holding Company be approved with certain conditions. In that filing, Public Counsel suggested to the Commission that it have should have relevant and material information about the transaction and the consequences of the transaction as proposed or can reasonably expect to transpire so that the Commission can properly conduct its investigation and ensure that the transaction is not "detrimental to the public interest." Public Counsel did not file testimony, but rather identified issues and made arguments concerning the type of information the Commission should have before it as it considers the transaction and its effect on consumers. At the time, the Office of the Public Counsel stated its position that it could not then agree with the Staff's recommendation that the transaction is not detrimental to the public interest.

Subsequent to that filing, Public Counsel continued to discuss its concerns with Sprint; Sprint also provided additional information. As a result of these discussions and

negotiations among the parties, Sprint, the Staff and Public Counsel were able to enter into a Stipulation and Agreement that established certain facts and conditions concerning the transaction that provided the basis for Public Counsel to agree that the transaction subject to the terms and conditions of the Stipulation and Agreement filed on December 27, 2005 is not detrimental to the public interest.

Respectfully submitted,

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Comes now Barbara A. Meisenheimer, Chief Utility Economist, and being of lawful age and first having been duly sworn states that the facts set forth in this pleading are true and correct to the best of his information, knowledge, and belief.


Barbara A. Meisenheimer

01/05/06
Date

Sworn to and subscribed before me, a notary public, this 5th day of January, 2006.



CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE



JERENE A. BUCKMAN
My Commission Expires
August 10, 2009
Cole County
Commission #05754036

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing was mailed, emailed and/or hand delivered this 5th day of January, 2006 to the attorneys of record.

