

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

In the Matter of the Tariff Filing of Sprint Missouri, Inc., )	
d/b/a Sprint, to Increase the Residential and Business )	<b><u>Case No. TT-2002-447</u></b>
Monthly Rate for the Metropolitan Calling Area (MCA) )	Tariff No. 200200766
Plan. )	

**NOTICE REGARDING PREHEARING CONFERENCE**

By order issued April 11, 2002, the Commission scheduled a prehearing conference for 10:00 a.m. on April 23, 2002. The order indicates that the Commission has significant questions regarding the tariff's compliance with Sections 392.245 and 392.200, RSMo 2000. This order is intended to give the parties further guidance regarding the Commission's expectations for the prehearing conference.

The Commission notes that the parties have different interpretations regarding the requirements of Section 392.245 and the level to which a price cap company may increase its rates for nonbasic services. Public Counsel contends that a price cap company may increase the rate for a nonbasic service by a maximum of eight percent per year. Staff and Sprint Missouri, Inc., d/b/a Sprint, argue that a price cap company may increase its rates for nonbasic services by up to the maximum allowable price. At the prehearing conference, the parties should be prepared to further argue their positions.

In addition, the Commission notes that Section 392.245(11) provides that "[a]n incumbent local exchange telecommunications company may change the rates for its services, consistent with the provisions of section 392.200 . . . ." Section 392.200(1) provides, among other things, that "[a]ll charges made and demanded by any

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telecommunications company for any service rendered or to be rendered . . . shall be just and reasonable . . . .” At the prehearing conference, the parties shall address whether the rates proposed by Sprint are “just and reasonable.”.

**BY THE COMMISSION**



**Dale Hardy Roberts**  
**Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge**

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Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 19th day of April, 2002.

Ruth, Senior Regulatory Law Judge