

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

In the Matter of the Verified Petition of Sprint	)	
Communications Company L.P., Sprint Spectrum	)	
L.P., and Nextel West Corp. for Arbitration of	)	<b><u>Case No. CO-2009-0239</u></b>
Interconnection Agreements with Southwestern	)	
Bell Telephone Company, d/b/a AT&T Missouri.	)	

**ORDER DIRECTING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ARBITRATION  
AND SCHEDULING INITIAL ARBITRATION MEETING**

Issue Date: December 12, 2008

Effective Date: December 12, 2008

On December 5, 2008, Sprint Communications Company L.P., Sprint Spectrum L.P., and Nextel West Corp. (collectively referred to as "Sprint") filed a verified petition for arbitration with the Missouri Public Service Commission pursuant to Section 252(b) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, requesting that the Commission arbitrate unresolved issues for an interconnection agreement between Sprint and Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, d/b/a AT&T Missouri. The Commission appointed Deputy Chief Regulatory Law Judge Nancy Dippell as Arbitrator on December 11, 2008.

Since AT&T is a party to the agreement, the Commission finds that AT&T is necessary and indispensable to a resolution of this matter and shall be made a party. The Commission will direct the Data Center to provide notice of this petition to AT&T. AT&T shall be permitted to file a response to the petition with any additional information they choose to provide.

**Initial Arbitration Meeting**

The federal Telecommunications Act requires that this arbitration be completed by April 1, 2009. Due to the short amount of time available for this arbitration, the arbitrator will

promptly schedule an initial arbitration meeting. At this meeting, the parties will be expected to consider and propose a procedural schedule that will allow this arbitration to proceed in the time allowed by statute. If any of the parties desire to appear at the initial meeting by telephone, they shall notify the Arbitrator as directed below.

**THE ARBITRATOR ORDERS THAT:**

1. The Data Center shall serve notice of this petition upon Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, d/b/a AT&T Missouri.

2. Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, d/b/a AT&T Missouri, is made a party to this case.

3. Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, d/b/a AT&T Missouri, shall file a response and any additional information regarding the petition for arbitration, no later than December 30, 2008, with the Secretary of the Missouri Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, with a copy to:

Jeffrey M. Pfaff, Senior Counsel  
6450 Sprint Parkway  
Overland Park, Kansas 66251  
Mailstop: KSOPHN0212-2A553  
ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONERS

4. An initial arbitration meeting shall be held on December 18, 2008, beginning at **1:30 p.m.**, in Room 305 of the Governor Office Building, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri. The Governor Office Building meets accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. If anyone needs additional accommodations to participate in the meeting, please call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 prior to the meeting.

5. If a party desires to participate in the initial arbitration meeting by telephone, the party shall notify the Arbitrator no later than December 16, 2008, by calling 573-751-4393 or sending an e-mail to nancy.dippell@psc.mo.gov.

6. This order shall become effective upon issuance.

**BY THE ARBITRATOR**

***/s/ Nancy Dippell***

Nancy Dippell

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Nancy Dippell, Deputy Chief Regulatory  
Law Judge, by delegation of authority  
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 12th day of December, 2008.