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RE: Case No. TE-2000-649

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing in the above-captioned case are an original and eight (8) conformed copies of a **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**.

This filing has been mailed or hand-delivered this date to all counsel of record.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
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In re: Matter of Confidential Treatment of )  
Annual Reports of Sprint Communications )  
Company L.P. and ASC Telecom, Inc. )

Case No. TE-2000-649

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff") and for its *Recommendation* respectfully states:

1. On April 14, 2000, Sprint Communications Company L.P. ("Sprint") and ASC Telecom, Inc. ("ASC") filed a *Motion for Confidential Treatment* with the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") requesting confidential treatment of the balance sheets and income statements contained in Sprint and ASC's 1999 Annual Report to the Commission.

2. Pursuant to 4 CSR 240-10.080(7), the Commission may grant confidential treatment of information in an annual report for good cause.

3. In the attached *Memorandum*, which is labeled Appendix A, the Staff states its opinion that Sprint and ASC have stated good cause for confidential treatment of the subject information.

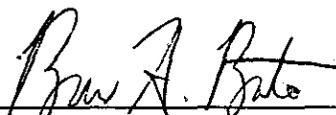
WHEREFORE, the Staff recommends, *inter alia*, that the Commission issue an Order granting Sprint and ASC's request for confidential treatment of the income sheets and balance sheets contained in their 1999 annual report until April 15, 2001, and requiring that Sprint and ASC file the confidential version thereof in accordance with the specifications set forth in the

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attached *Memorandum*. Staff further recommends that the Commission issue an Order transferring the information to the public record after April 15, 2001 unless Sprint and ASC make a showing that the information should remain confidential.

Respectfully submitted,

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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File  
Case No. TE-2000-649, Sprint Communications Company L.P. and ASC Telecom

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**SUBJECT:** Staff Recommendation Concerning the Request for Confidential Treatment of portions of the 1999 Annual Reports of Sprint Communications Company L.P. and ASC Telecom

**DATE:** June 21, 2000

On April 14, 2000, Sprint Communications Company L.P. (Sprint), an alternative basic local exchange carrier and interexchange telecommunications carrier and ASC Telecom (ASC), an interexchange telecommunications carrier, filed with the Commission both a complete and a redacted copy of their 1999 annual reports. Accompanying the filing was an Application for Confidential Treatment of Annual Report, wherein Sprint and ASC requested that the Commission afford confidential treatment of the balance sheet and income statement (respectively, pages 5 and 6 of the annual report). In support of its Application, Sprint and ASC asserted that the information for which protection is sought contains company specific and state specific information that is not otherwise publicly available for Sprint and ASC, the information could be used by competitors of Sprint and ASC to determine the extent of Sprint's and ASC's business operations in Missouri and that Sprint and ASC do not reveal this information in any public forum. In the redacted, or public versions submitted by Sprint and ASC highly confidential appears in the spaces on the affected pages.

The Staff has reviewed these pages and is of the opinion that this information meets the definition of highly confidential or proprietary, as defined by the protective order issued by the Commission in contested cases, and that, therefore, good cause has been shown based on past Commission practice.

**RECOMMENDATION**

1. The Staff recommends that the Commission issue an Order granting Sprint Communications Company L.P.'s and ASC Telecom's request for confidential treatment of the balance sheet and income statement contained in their 1999 annual reports until April 15, 2001. After this date, the information should be transferred to the public record, unless the Company makes a showing that the information remains confidential.
2. The Staff recommends that upon Commission issuance of an Order granting this request, Records Department be ordered to attach a copy of said Order to the public versions already filed.

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