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Mr. Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge
Missouri Public Service Commission
301 West High Street, Suite 530
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Re: In the Matter of Confidential Treatment of Annual Reports of Sprint
Communications Company L.P. and ASC Telecom, Inc.
Case No. TE-2000-649

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing are an original and fourteen (14) copies of a Motion for Confidential Treatment of Sprint Communications Company L.P. (Sprint) and ASC Telecom Inc. (ASC). Also enclosed are 1999 Annual Reports to the Missouri Public Service Commission for ASC Telecom, Inc., Sprint Communications Company, L.P. (IXC operations) and Sprint Communications Company L.P. (CLEC operations). The financial information in these reports is commercially sensitive. The accompanying Motion for Confidential Treatment requests confidential treatment of selected pages.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (913) 345-7915.

Sincerely,


Linda K. Gardner

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Enclosures
cc: All Parties

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
STATE OF MISSOURI

Missouri Public
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Company L.P. and ASC Telecom, Inc.)

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MOTION FOR CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT

Come now Sprint Communications Company L.P. (Sprint) and ASC Telecom, Inc. (ASC) seeking an Order of the Commission allowing highly confidential treatment of selected pages of its 1999 Annual Reports¹ submitted to the Commission. Specifically, Sprint and ASC seek highly confidential treatment of the information contained on page 5 (ASSETS, LIABILITIES & OWNER EQUITY), page 6 (INCOME STATEMENT). In support, Sprint and ASC state as follows:

1. Pursuant to 4 CSR 240-10.080(7) a company requesting confidential treatment of an annual report must do so in writing and state "good cause" for maintaining the information under seal.

2. Sprint and ASC have good cause for requesting confidential treatment of the selected pages. The information contained on pages 5 and 6 is company specific, 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 and ASC's business operations in Missouri, including the extent of network facilities, operating expenses, operating income, bad debt expense, and other items that are of a competitively sensitive nature. Disclosure of this type of information

¹ Sprint Communications Company L.P. is submitting two reports: one for interexchange operations and one for ABLEC (alternative basic local exchange carrier) operations since two forms were received from the Commission.

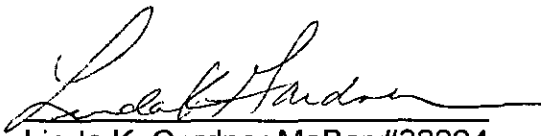
to the competitors of Sprint and ASC would be detrimental to Sprint and ASC's business interests in Missouri.

3. The competitively sensitive information contained in pages 5 and 6 are not otherwise in the public domain.

WHEREFOR, for the foregoing reasons, Sprint and ASC request an order from the Commission allowing it to file page 5 and 6 of the 1999 Annual Reports for ASC Telecom, Inc., Sprint Communications Company L.P. (IXC), and Sprint Communications Company L.P. (CLEC) under seal.

Respectfully Submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing was sent this 13th day of April, 2000 by US mail, postage pre-paid, to Dan Joyce, General Counsel, Missouri Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102 and Michael Dandino, Office of the Public Counsel, P.O. Box 7800, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102.

