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The Commission issued, on November 3, 1999, its Order Directing Staff Report, in which it ordered Staff to file a report in response to Sprint's request.

On December 3, 1999, Staff filed a Motion to File Commission-Ordered Report on Testing, indicating that it has completed its

investigation into the matter. The Report states that Sprint has demonstrated considerable improvement over the past six years in the areas of its service offerings covered by the Stipulation. Staff notes that this improvement is largely due to the modernization of its telecommunications network in Missouri; as the company improved and modernized its facilities, many of the early problems were solved and eliminated. Staff further states that based on the record that Sprint has produced over the past six years of testing and on the quality of service that it provides today, Staff believes that the company should be relieved of the requirements imposed by the Stipulation entered into in Case No. TR-93-181.

The Commission has reviewed Sprint's motion and Staff's response, and determines that the Request to Terminate Quarterly 4-TEL Wire Center Testing should be granted. However, the Commission notes that it is not necessary for Staff, or any party, to file a "Motion to File . . ." as this suggests that permission to make a filing is necessary. Unless a filing is out-of-time, a party may freely file its pleadings. Now that the General Counsel's Office is filing Staff memoranda, the pleading attached to it may be denominated as "Notice of Filing" or similar title not requiring Commission action.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. That the Motion to file Commission-Ordered Report on Testing, filed by the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission on December 3, 1999, is granted.
2. That the Request to Terminate Quarterly 4-TEL Wire Center Testing, filed by Sprint Missouri, Inc., on October 28, 1999, is granted.

3. That this order shall become effective on January 4, 2000.
4. That this case may be closed on January 5, 2000.

**BY THE COMMISSION**



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

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Lumpe, Ch., Crumpton, Drainer,  
Murray, and Schemenauer, CC., concur.

Ruth, Regulatory Law Judge

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