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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Petition of Sprint)	
Communications Company, L.P., for Arbitration)	Case No. TO-99-461
of Unresolved Interconnection Issues Regarding)	
xDSL with Southwestern Bell Telephone Company.)	

ORDER EXTENDING TIME FOR RESPONSE TO PETITION FOR ARBITRATION

April 13, 1999, Sprint Communications Company, (Sprint), filed its petition for arbitration with the Commission pursuant to the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the Act) and Section 386.230 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri. 1 The petition asks the Commission to arbitrate issues related to the amendment of Sprint's existing interconnection agreement with Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (SWBT) to add language regarding xDSL services. Specifically, the parties are unable to agree on the pricing of those As Exhibit A, the petition incorporates by reference xDSL services. the interconnection agreement previously approved by the Commission in Case No. TO-99-1. Sprint's proposed amendment will be late-filed as Exhibit B to the petition.

Under the Act, at 47 U.S.C. § 252(b)(3), a "non-petitioning party to a negotiation" may respond to a petition for arbitration, and provide such other information as it chooses, within twenty-five days of the petition's filing. Because the twenty-fifth day in this case —

¹All references herein to the Revised Statutes of Missouri (RSMo), unless otherwise specified, are to the revision of 1994.

May 8, 1999 — was a Saturday, the last day for response became Monday, May 10, 1999. Rule 6(a), Fed. R. Civ. Pro. On that day, SWBT filed its motion seeking an extension, up to and including May 17, 1999, within which to file its response to Sprint's petition. In particular, SWBT stated that it is unable to respond to the petition sooner because Sprint has not yet filed Exhibit B to the petition.

The Commission finds that SWBT has shown good cause and that the requested extension should be granted.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- 1. The Southwestern Bell Telephone Company shall file a response and any other information regarding this petition on or before May 17, 1999, with the Secretary of the Missouri Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, and send a copy to Sprint Communications Company, L.P.
 - 2. That this order shall become effective on May 28, 1999.

BY THE COMMISSION

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Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

Kevin A. Thompson, Deputy Chief Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.120(1) (November 30, 1995) and Section 386.240, RSMo 1994.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 18th day of May, 1999.

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COMMUSION COUNSIES: PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION