

**STATE OF MISSOURI  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
JEFFERSON CITY**

**July 7, 2000**

**CASE NO: TE-2000-649**

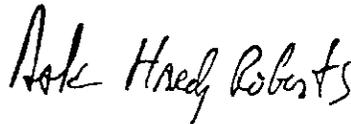
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**Enclosed find certified copy of an ORDER in the above-numbered case(s).**

Sincerely,



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

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

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

**ORDER GRANTING CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT AND LATE FILING**

On April 14, 2000, Sprint Communications Company L.P. (Sprint) and ASC Telecom, Inc. (ASC) (collectively, Applicants) filed with the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) their motion for highly confidential treatment of selected pages of their 1999 annual report, which they also filed the same day. Specifically, Sprint and ASC seek highly confidential treatment of the information contained on page 5 (Assets, Liabilities and Owner Equity) and page 6 (Income Statement).

Pursuant to Commission rule 4 CSR 240-10.080(1), "[a]ll public utilities subject to the jurisdiction of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall file an annual report with the commission on or before April 15 of each year."

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

Applicants stated that they have good cause for requesting confidential treatment of the selected pages. Applicants stated that the information contained on pages 5 and 6 is company-specific and

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state-specific information for Sprint and ASC that is not otherwise publicly available. The Applicants maintain that 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. The Applicants state that disclosure of this type of information to the competitors of Sprint and ASC would be detrimental to their business interests in Missouri. The Applicants state that the competitively sensitive information contained on pages 5 and 6 is not otherwise in the public domain.

The Applicants requested that the Commission grant its request to file and maintain the selected portions of their annual report under seal pursuant to Commission rule 4 CSR 240-10.080(7), previously cited.

On June 26, 2000, the Staff of the Commission (Staff) filed a recommendation that Applicants' request be granted. Staff recommended that the Commission issue an order granting the Applicants' request for confidential treatment of the balance sheet and income statement contained in their 1999 annual report until April 15, 2001. After that date, Staff recommended, the information should be transferred to the public record, unless the Applicants show that the information should remain confidential. The Staff also recommended that upon the Commission's issuance of an order granting the Applicants' request, that a copy of the order should be attached to the public versions already filed.

Upon review of Applicants' motion, Staff's recommendation, and the official case file, the Commission finds that there is good cause shown for the request to protect the selected confidential information and that the request substantially complies with the above-cited rules. Therefore, confidential treatment for those portions identified as confidential of the annual report filed by Applicants in the year 2000 should be granted.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. That Sprint Communications Company L.P. and ASC Telecom, Inc.'s request for confidential treatment of certain financial information filed in their annual report, specifically, the information contained on page 5 (Assets, Liabilities and Owner Equity) and page 6 (Income Statement), shall be granted until April 15, 2001, and after that transferred to public record unless Sprint Communications Company L.P. and ASC Telecom, Inc. makes a showing in writing that the information should remain confidential.

2. That the Records Department of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall attach a copy of this order to the public version of the 1999 annual report of Sprint Communications Company L.P. and ASC Telecom, Inc.

3. That this order shall become effective on July 17, 2000.

4. That this case may be closed on July 18, 2000.

**BY THE COMMISSION**

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dale Hardy Roberts".

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

(S E A L)

Bill Hopkins, Senior Regulatory Law Judge,  
by delegation of authority pursuant to  
Section 386.240, RSMo 1994.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 7th day of July, 2000.

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

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and

I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City,  
Missouri, this 7<sup>TH</sup> day of July 2000.



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

