

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
JEFFERSON CITY
March 15, 2002**

CASE NO: TO-2002-421

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

Sincerely,



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

Uncertified Copies:

To all interexchange and local exchange telecommunications companies

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

In the Matter of the Master Interconnection and)
Resale Agreement Between Sprint Missouri, Inc.,) **Case No. TO-2002-421**
d/b/a Sprint, and Premiere Network Services, Inc.)

**ORDER DIRECTING NOTICE AND
ADDING A PARTY**

On March 8, 2002, Sprint Missouri, Inc., doing business as Sprint, filed an application with the Commission seeking approval of an interconnection and resale agreement between Sprint and Premiere Network Services, Inc., under the provisions of the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996. Although Premiere is a party to the agreement, it did not join in the application. Because Premiere is a necessary party to a full and fair adjudication of this matter, the Commission will add Premiere as a party to this case.

The Act provides that an interconnection agreement must be approved unless the state commission finds that the agreement discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement, or that implementation of the agreement is not consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity.¹

The Commission finds that proper persons should be allowed 20 days from the issuance of this order to file a motion for hearing or an application for intervention. The requirement of a hearing is met when an opportunity to be heard has been provided and

¹ The Act, 47 U.S.C. Section 252(e).

no proper party has requested the opportunity to present evidence.² In the event that no requests for intervention or for a hearing are received, the Commission may grant the relief requested based upon the application.

The Act provides that, if the Commission has not approved an agreement within 90 days after submission, the agreement shall be deemed approved.³ Therefore, the Commission will proceed with this case expeditiously. The Commission finds that notice of this application should be sent to all interexchange and local exchange telecommunications companies.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That Premiere Network Services, Inc., is made a party to this case.
2. That the Commission's Data Center shall send notice of this application to all interexchange and local exchange telecommunications companies.
3. That any party wishing to request a hearing or to apply for intervention in this matter shall file an application no later than April 4, 2002, with:

Dale Hardy Roberts, Secretary
Missouri Public Service Commission
Post Office Box 360
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

and send copies to:

Lisa Creighton Hendricks, Esq.
Sprint Missouri, Inc.
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² *State ex rel. Rex Deffenderfer Enterprises, Inc. v. Public Service Commission*, 776 S.W.2d, 494, 496 (Mo. App., W.D. 1989).

³ The Act, 47 U.S.C. Section 252(e)(4).

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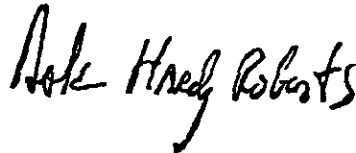
and:

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4. That the Staff of the Commission shall file a memorandum advising either approval or rejection of this agreement and giving the reasons therefor no later than 4:00 p.m. on April 11, 2002.

5. That this order shall become effective on March 25, 2002.

BY THE COMMISSION



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(S E A L)

Kevin A. Thompson, Deputy Chief
Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation
of authority pursuant to Section 386.240,
RSMo 2000.

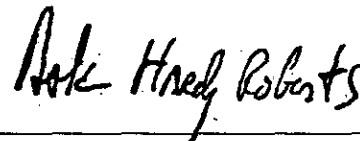
Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 15th day of March, 2002.

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 15th day of March 2002 .



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

