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200 Madison Street, Suite 650
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

**Missouri Public
Service Commission**

Re: The Master Interconnection and Resale Agreement By and Between Sprint
Missouri, Inc. and Sprint Communications Company L.P. Pursuant to Sections
251 and 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Please find enclosed for filing the Commission, an original and three (3) copies of the Application of Sprint Missouri, Inc. d/b/a Sprint for Approval of a Master Interconnection and Resale Agreement. I would appreciate your filing the same and returning a file stamped copy of the Application to me in the enclosed, self addressed envelope.

In addition, correspondence to Sprint Communications Company L.P. regarding this application may be directed to W. Richard Morris, 6450 Sprint Parkway, MS: KSOPHN0214-2A721, Overland Park, Kansas 66251.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this Application, please do not hesitate to contact me at (913) 315-9363.

Very truly yours,

Lisa Creighton Hendricks

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Enclosures

cc: Parties of Record

Adoption Notice Designed to Change the Company's Name to United Telephone Company of Missouri d/b/a Sprint) and Case No. TO-98-107 (Application of United Telephone Company of Missouri d/b/a Sprint for Approval of Name Change to Sprint Missouri, Inc.). Sprint requests that the information in those cases be incorporated herein by reference. To Sprint's knowledge there are no overdue assessments or annual reports nor are there any pending actions or final unsatisfied judgments or decisions against it involving customer service or rates occurring within the last three years.

II. MASTER INTERCONNECTION AND RESALE AGREEMENT

Sprint presents to the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) its application pursuant to the terms of the Federal Act. The parties entered into a Master Interconnection and Resale Agreement (the Agreement) dated December 9, 2002, between Sprint Missouri, Inc., a Missouri corporation, and Sprint Communications Company, L.P., a Delaware corporation. There are no outstanding issues related to the Agreement between the parties which requires the assistance of mediation or arbitration.

III. STANDARD FOR REVIEW

The statutory standard of review under Section 252(e) of the Act states:

- (e) Approval by State Commission
 - (1) Approval Required. Any interconnection agreement adopted by negotiation or arbitration shall be submitted for approval to the state commission. A State commission to which an agreement is submitted to shall approve or reject the agreement, with written findings as to any deficiencies.
 - (2) under subsection (a) if it finds Grounds for Rejection. The State commission may only reject.
 - (A) an agreement (or any portion thereof) adopted by negotiation that:

- (i) the agreement (or portion thereof) discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement, or
- (ii) the implementation of such agreement or portion is not consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity; or...

Applicant further states that the Agreement is consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity in that it allows for full and fair competition and greater choice for the consumer. The Applicant further states that the Agreement does not discriminate against other carriers not a party to the Agreement as the terms of the Agreement are equally available to any other carrier.

IV. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL

Sprint seeks the Commission's approval of the Agreement, consistent with the provisions of the Federal Act. Both parties believe that the implementation of this Agreement complies fully with Section 252(e) of the Federal Act because the Agreement is consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity and does not discriminate against any telecommunications carrier. The Agreement promotes diversity in providers, provides interconnectivity, and increases customer choices for telecommunications services.

Sprint and Sprint Communications Company L.P. respectfully request that the Commission grant approval of the Agreement, without change, suspension or other delay in its implementation.

V. MISSOURI LEGISLATION

The negotiated and executed Agreement is consistent with the Missouri Legislation, Senate Bill No. 507, which became effective on August 28, 1996.

VI. CONCLUSION

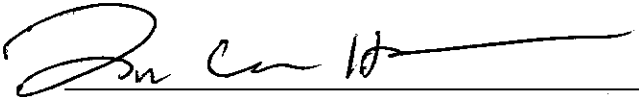
WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, Applicant prays that the Commission approve the Master Interconnection and Resale Agreement between Sprint Missouri, Inc., and Sprint Communications Company, L.P. expeditiously.

Respectfully submitted,

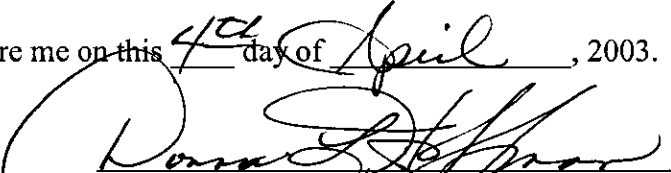

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VERIFICATION

I, Lisa Creighton Hendricks, an attorney and duly authorized representative of Sprint Missouri, Inc. hereby verify and affirm that I have read the foregoing Application of Sprint Missouri, Inc., d/b/a Sprint For Approval of a Master Interconnection and Resale Agreement, and that the statements contained therein are true and correct to the best of my information and belief.


Lisa Creighton Hendricks

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 4th day of April, 2003.


Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

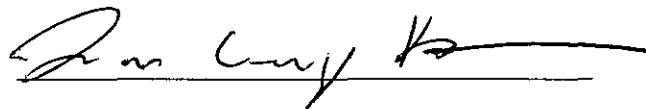


CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that on this 7th day of April, 2003, a copy of the above and foregoing and any attachments were served by U.S. Mail, postage prepaid and or email or facsimile to each of the following:

Office of the Public Counsel
Missouri Public Service Commission
200 Madison Street
Jefferson City, MO 65101

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Don Curry", is written over a horizontal line.