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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Sprint Communications)
Company L.P. Petition for Arbitration)
of Interconnection Rates, Terms,) Case No. TO-97-124
Conditions and Related Arrangements)
with GTE Midwest Incorporated.)

ORDER GRANTING EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT

On June 10, 1998, Sprint Communications Company L.P. (Sprint) filed a Confirmation of Position Regarding its Motion for Extension of Time for Filing Interconnection Agreement. In this motion, Sprint requests that it be granted an extension until two weeks after the Commission approves an AT&T/GTE interconnection agreement in Case No. TO-97-63. GTE Midwest Incorporated (GTE) had previously filed its Confirmation of Position on April 9, which indicated that GTE objected to Sprint's Motion for Extension of Time to File Interconnection Agreement.

The Commission has considered the pleadings of the parties and finds that the request for an extension of time is reasonable. The Commission will grant Sprint an extension of time until September 1 to file an interconnection agreement. At that time, Sprint must either file an interconnection agreement which reflects the results of the Arbitration Order issued January 15, 1997, or a motion to elect an interconnection agreement, in its entirety, which has previously been approved by the Commission.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That by September 1, 1998, Sprint shall file either an interconnection agreement as directed by the Arbitration Order issued January 15, 1997, or a motion to elect an interconnection agreement which has been approved by the Commission.

2. That this order shall become effective on July 20, 1998.

BY THE COMMISSION



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

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Vicky Ruth, 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 20th day of July, 1998.