

STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a Session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office
in Jefferson City on the 29th
day of October, 1997.

In the Matter of the Application of Sprint)
Communications Company L.P. for a Certi-)
ficate of Service Authority to Provide) **CASE NO. TA-97-269**
Basic Local Telecommunications Service and)
Local Exchange Telecommunications Service.)

**ORDER DIRECTING THE FILING OF SUGGESTIONS IN SUPPORT OF
STIPULATION AND AGREEMENT**

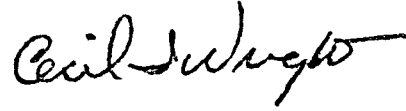
Sprint Communications Company L.P. (Sprint) filed an application on January 14, 1997, for certificates of service authority to provide basic local telecommunications service and local exchange telecommunications service in all exchanges currently served by United Telephone Company of Missouri d/b/a Sprint (Sprint-United). On August 1, 1997, the parties filed a Stipulation and Agreement (Stipulation). However, the Staff of the Commission (Staff) has not to date filed its suggestions in support of the stipulation, and no further formal action has been taken since the stipulation was filed over two months ago. The Commission finds that Staff should be directed to file its suggestions in support of the stipulation by November 10. In addition, the Commission finds that the suggestions in support should address the unique aspects of the stipulation, which pertain to the affiliation between Sprint and Sprint-United.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the Staff of the Commission shall file its suggestions in support of the unanimous Stipulation and Agreement no later than November 10, 1997.

2. That this order shall become effective on October 29, 1997.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cecil I. Wright". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent initial "C" and a long, sweeping underline.

Cecil I. Wright
Executive Secretary

(S E A L)

Lumpe, Ch., Crumpton,
Murray, and Drainer,
CC., Concur.

Bensavage, Regulatory Law Judge