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Missouri Public Service Commission

Mr. Dale Hardy Roberts Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge Missouri Public Service Commission 301 West High Street, Suite 530 Jefferson City, MO 65101

Re: In the Matter of Proposed Rule, 4 CSR 240-2.060 Applications

Case No. AX-2000-112

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing are an original and fourteen (14) copies of Comments of Sprint Missouri, Inc. and Sprint Communications Company L.P.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (913) 345-7915.

Sincerely,

Linda K. Gardner

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cc: All Parties

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION STATE OF MISSOURI

In Re: Proposed Rule 4 CSR 240-2.060) Applications.

Service Commission

COMMENTS OF SPRINT COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY L.P. AND SPRINT MISSOURI, INC.

Proposed rule 4 CSR 240-2.060 sets out specific requirements for applications, generally, as well as certain specific applications. While the detailed list of requirements contained in proposed rule 4 CSR 240-2.060(1)(A)-(M) may very well be necessary for some applications, it is unnecessary for others. Many routine matters, such as Applications to Intervene, are filed frequently by the same companies in multiple cases. It serves no useful purpose to require Applications to Intervene to provide the detailed information that may be necessary for requests such as Applications for a Certificate of Service Authority or other, more substantive applications. For example, proposed rule 4 CSR 240.2060(1)(K) would require the Application to Intervene to include "a statement indicating whether the applicant has any pending or final judgments or decisions against it from any state or federal agency or court which involve customer service or rates." This information is not necessary in an Application to Intervene nor are several of the other required items.

Applications to Intervene are not the only example of where the general application provisions of proposed rule 4 CSR 240-2.060(1) require more information than necessary. Under the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996, Interconnection Agreements must be filed with state Commission for approval. In many cases, the parties file pleadings styled "application" seeking the approval of the state commission

of the negotiated Interconnection Agreement under 47 U.S.C. §252(e). Again, many of the elements required under 4 CSR 240-2.060(1) are unnecessary in this type of application. For example, the partnership agreement requested in subsection (D) may well be an item necessary for the certification process but not the Commission's decision of whether the Interconnection Agreement discriminates against a carrier not a party to the agreement or is against the public interest, convenience and necessity.

Sprint urges the Commission to limit what is required generally of all applications to only those items necessary for any pleading: subsections (A), (I) and (J). The additional items should be confined to only those applications for which the information requested is relevant and necessary for the action requested.

Respectfully Submitted,

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I HEREBY certify that copies of the foregoing document were served to the following by first class mail or hand-delivery on this 1st day of November, 1999:

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