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**RE: Case No. TO-2001-626**

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing in the above-captioned case are an original and eight (8) conformed copies of a **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**.

This filing has been mailed or hand-delivered this date to all counsel of record.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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In the Matter of the Application of TDS       )  
Telecommunications Corp. and Sprint       )  
Communications Company L.P. for       )  
Approval of a Mutual Traffic Exchange       )  
Agreement.       )

Case No. TO-2001-626

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) and for its recommendation states:

1. In the attached Memorandum, which is labeled Appendix A, the Staff recommends that the Missouri Public Service Commission approve the Interconnection Agreement of TDS Telecommunications Corp. and Sprint Communications Company L.P..
2. The Commission's authority to approve or reject this interconnection agreement is pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.
3. The Staff concludes that the Interconnection Agreement does not appear to discriminate against telecommunications carriers not a party to the agreement and the Agreement does not appear to be against the public interest, convenience or necessity.

WHEREFORE, the Staff recommends approval of the Interconnection Agreement.

Respectfully submitted,

DANA K. JOYCE  
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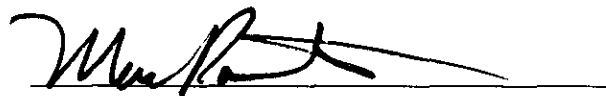


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## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File  
Case No. TO-2001-626  
Parties: TDS Telecommunications Corp. and  
Sprint Communications Company L.P.

**From:** Lisa Mahaney, Telecommunications Department  
*Ben Voight* 06-12-01 *Man Pate* 6-13-01  
Utility Operations Division/Date General Counsel Office/Date

**Subject:** Staff Recommendation for Approval of Interconnection Agreement

**Date:** June 12, 2001

**Date Filed:** 5/14/01

**Staff Deadline:** 6/15/01

The Telecommunications Department Staff (Staff) recommends the Parties be granted approval of the submitted (may check more than one)

- ☐ Resale Agreement
- ☒ Facilities-based Interconnection Agreement
- ☐ Wireless Interconnection Agreement

The Parties submitted the proposed Agreement to the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) pursuant to the terms of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (Act). Staff has reviewed the proposed Agreement and believes it meets the limited requirements of the Act. Specifically, the Agreement: 1) does not appear to discriminate against telecommunications carriers not party to the Agreement and 2) does not appear to be against the public interest, convenience or necessity.

Is there an attachment to this recommendation indicating any recommendations or special considerations? ☐ Yes ☒ No

From	Initials	Date	Revised
Lisa Mahaney	LM	6/12/01	
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**Interconnection Agreement Review Items**

- ☒ No applications to intervene filed
- ☐ Terms and rates in Agreement similar to those contained in approved Interconnection Agreement, i.e.,
- ☒ Agreement signed by both Parties

Staff recommends the Commission direct the Parties to submit any modifications or amendments. Staff possesses a serially numbered copy of the instant interconnection agreement. Both companies are certificated carriers.

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