BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of United) Telephone Company of Missouri d/b/a Sprint for) <u>Case</u> Approval of Name Change to Sprint Missouri, Inc.)

<u>Case No. TO-98-107</u>

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ORDER APPROVING TARIFF IN COMPLIANCE WITH COMMISSION ORDER

The Commission granted the application for approval of name change filed by United Telephone Company of Missouri d/b/a Sprint by order issued on November 4, 1997. The Commission directed the company to file an adoption notice reflecting the change of name to "Sprint Missouri, Inc. d/b/a Sprint" (Sprint) for approval. Sprint filed the required tariff sheets on December 8, with an effective date of January 7, 1998.

The Staff of the Commission (Staff) reviewed the tariff sheets and filed a memorandum on December 22 recommending that the Commission approve them expeditiously. Staff stated that the tariff sheets comply with the Commission's order and should be approved. Staff also advised the Commission that, although the sheets carry a January 7 effective date, Sprint has requested approval in less than thirty days if possible. Staff recommended that the Commission grant expedited approval since the tariff sheets were filed in compliance with a Commission order.

The Commission has reviewed the tariff sheets and Staff's recommendation and finds that the tariff sheets conform to the Commission's order of November 4 and should be approved expeditiously. The Commission finds that it is appropriate to approve the sheets on less than thirty days notice in order to minimize customer confusion regarding the change of name. Accordingly, the tariff sheets shall become effective on December 31, 1997.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

That the tariff sheets filed by Sprint Missouri, Inc.
 d/b/a Sprint (formerly United Telephone Company of Missouri d/b/a Sprint)
 on December 8, 1997, are approved as amended to become effective on
 December 31, 1997. The tariff sheets approved are:

P.S.C. Mo. No. 10, Map Tariff
P.S.C. Mo. No. 22, General Exchange Tariff
P.S.C. Mo. No. 23, Intrastate IntraLATA Message Telecommunications Service
P.S.C. Mo. No. 24, Private Line Service Tariff
P.S.C. Mo. No. 25, Wide Area Telecommunications Service Tariff
P.S.C. Mo. No. 26, Access Tariff

2. That this order shall become effective on December 31, 1997.

3. That this case will be closed on January 9, 1998.

BY THE COMMISSION

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L. Anne Wickliffe, Deputy Chief 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 29th day of December, 1997.