

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of Sprint Missouri, Inc.'s)
Application for Relief under Section)
392.200(4) RSMo, in Its Ferrelview, Platte)
City and Weston Exchanges.)

Case No. TO-2005-0290
Tariff File No. YI-2005-0714

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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

1. In its Amended Application For Geographic Pricing, Sprint Missouri, Inc. (Sprint) requests pricing flexibility pursuant to Section 392.200.4 RSMo Cum. Supp. 2004 for its Ferrelview, Platte City, and Weston exchanges. In the accompanying amended tariff filing, Sprint introduces a bundled service named Special Plan – Metro Bundle. This bundled service will cost \$21 in the Ferrelview, Platte City and Weston exchanges, and in the Kearney exchange. Sprint's residence core access line and related services and its business core access line and related services were classified as competitive in the Kearney exchange in Case No. IO-2003-0281. This bundled service will cost \$43 in Sprint's other exchanges.

2. Section 392.200.4 provides, in part:

4. (1) No telecommunications company may define a telecommunications service as a different telecommunications service based on the geographic area or other market segmentation within which such telecommunications service is offered or provided, unless the telecommunications company makes application and files a tariff or tariffs which propose relief from this subsection. Any such tariff shall be subject to the provisions of sections 392.220 and 392.230 and in any hearing thereon the burden shall be on the telecommunications company to show, by clear

and convincing evidence, that the definition of such service based on the geographic area or other market within which such service is offered is reasonably necessary to promote the public interest and the purposes and policies of this chapter.

(2) It is the intent of this act to bring the benefits of competition to all customers and to ensure that incumbent and alternative local exchange telecommunications companies have the opportunity to price and market telecommunications services to all prospective customers in any geographic area in which they compete. To promote the goals of the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996, for an incumbent local exchange telecommunications company in any exchange where an alternative local exchange telecommunications company has been certified and is providing basic local telecommunications services or switched exchange access services, or for an alternative local exchange telecommunications company, the commission shall review and approve or reject, within forty-five days of filing, tariffs for proposed different services as follows:

(a) For services proposed on an exchange-wide basis, it shall be presumed that a tariff which defines and establishes prices for a local exchange telecommunications service or exchange access service as a different telecommunications service in the geographic area, no smaller than an exchange, within which such local exchange telecommunications service or exchange access service is offered is reasonably necessary to promote the public interest and the purposes and policies of this chapter;

3. The Staff does not seek to rebut the presumption that this tariff submission which defines and establishes prices for a local exchange telecommunications service as a different telecommunications service in a geographic area, no smaller than an exchange, within which such local exchange telecommunications service is offered is reasonably necessary to promote the public interest and the purposes and policies of this chapter. In the attached Memorandum, which is labeled Appendix A, the Staff recommends approval of Sprint's amended application.

WHEREFORE, the Staff recommends approval of tariff sheets:

Sprint Missouri P.S.C. Mo. No. 22, Section 39
Sprint Missouri P.S.C. Mo. No. 22, Section 43

Original Tariff Sheet 3.4
Fourth Revised Sheet 14.1

Respectfully submitted,

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