

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

In Re: Name Change Request of Sprint Missouri,)
Inc., to Embarq Missouri, Inc., d/b/a Embarq) Case No. TN-2006-0416,
) TN-2006-0417, TN-2006-0418,
) TN-2006-0419, TN-2006-0420
)

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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

1. On May 1, 2006, Sprint Missouri, Inc. d/b/a Sprint, filed applications for a name change to Embarq Missouri, Inc. d/b/a Embarq, and filed adoption notices and revised tariff title sheets reflecting the new name with an effective date of June 4, 2006.

2. Commission rule 4 CSR 240-2.060 provides:

(5) A name change may be accomplished by filing the items below with a cover letter requesting a change of name. Notwithstanding any other provision of these rules, the items required herein may be filed by a nonattorney. Applications for approval of a change of name shall include:

(A) A statement, clearly setting out both the old name and the new name;

(B) Evidence of registration of the name change with the Missouri secretary of state; and

(C) Either an adoption notice and revised tariff title sheet with an effective date which is not fewer than thirty (30) days after the filing date of the application, or revised tariff sheets with an effective date which is not fewer than thirty (30) days after the filing date of the application.

3. In the attached Memorandum, which is labeled Appendix A, the Staff recommends that the Commission recognize the new name. The application clearly sets out the old name of Sprint Missouri, Inc. d/b/a Sprint, and the new name of Embarq Missouri, Inc., d/b/a Embarq. The application includes evidence of registration of the name change to Embarq Missouri, Inc., and registration of the fictitious name Embarq with the Missouri Secretary of

State. The application includes an adoption notice and revised tariff title sheet for each of Sprint Missouri's tariffs:

- P.S.C. MO. – No. 10 Exchange Boundary Maps (in Tariff File No. YI-2006-0843)
- P.S.C. MO. – No. 22 General Exchange Tariff (in Tariff File No. YI-2006-0837)
- P.S.C. MO. – No. 23 Message Telecommunications Service Tariff (in Tariff File No. YI-2006-0838)
- P.S.C. MO. – No. 24 Private Line Service Tariff (in Tariff File No. YI-2006-0839)
- P.S.C. MO. – No. 25 Intrastate Wide Area Telecommunications Service Tariff (in Tariff File No. YI-2006-0840)
- P.S.C. MO. – No. 26 Access Services Tariff (in Tariff File No. YI-2006-0841)

The application also includes notices the company sent to customers about the name change.

WHEREFORE, the Staff recommends that the Commission issue an order to recognize the name change of Sprint Missouri, Inc. d/b/a Sprint, to Embarq Missouri, Inc., d/b/a Embarq, and to approve the adoption notices and revised tariff title sheets.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel of record this 12th day of May 2006.

/s/ **William K. Haas**

MEMORANDUM

To: Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File
Case No.: TN-2006-0416 Tariff File No.: YI-2006-0837
TN-2006-0417 YI-2006-0838
TN-2006-0418 YI-2006-0839
TN-2006-0419 YI-2006-0840
TN-2006-0420 YI-2006-0841
YI-2006-0843

From: Arthur P. Kuss
Telecommunications Department

William L. Voight 05/10/06
Utility Operations Division/Date

/s/ William K. Haas 05/12/06
General Counsel's Office/Date

Subject: Staff Recommendation for Approval of Name Change

Date: May 10, 2006 Filing Deadline: May 12, 2006

Existing Name of Company: Sprint Missouri, Inc. d/b/a Sprint

Proposed Name of Company: Embarq Missouri, Inc. d/b/a Embarq

The Telecommunications Department Staff (Staff) recommends the Commission approve the change of name and tariff sheet(s) for:

- P.S.C. MO.-No. 10 Exchange Boundary Maps
- P.S.C. MO.-No. 22 General Exchange Tariff
- P.S.C. MO.-No. 23 Message Telecommunications Service Tariff
- P.S.C. MO.-No. 24 Private Line Service Tariff
- P.S.C. MO.-No. 25 Intrastate Wide Area Telecommunications Service Tariff
- P.S.C. MO.-No. 26 Access Services Tariff

Effective: June 05, 2006.

The tariff pages submitted for approval with no changes to service names, rates, terms, conditions, or promotions are:

- P.S.C. MO.-No. 10: Original Title Page 1 and Second Revised Adoption Notice Page
- P.S.C. MO.-No. 22: Original Title Page 1 and Second Revised Adoption Notice Page
- P.S.C. MO.-No. 23: Original Title Page 1 and Second Revised Adoption Notice Page
- P.S.C. MO.-No. 24: First Revised Title Page 1 and Second Revised Adoption Notice Page
- P.S.C. MO.-No. 25: Second Revised Title Page 1 and Second Revised Adoption Notice Page
- P.S.C. MO.-No. 26: First Revised Title Page 1 and Second Revised Adoption Notice Page

Review Items for Name Change Applications:

(Administrative):

- No applications to intervene filed.
- Evidence of registration of the name change with the Missouri Secretary of State submitted.
- Customers have been notified [4 CSR 240-3.545(20)]; OR:
- Customers will be notified at or before the next billing cycle [4 CSR 240-3.545(20)].

(Tariffs):

- Adoption Notice Page submitted for each tariff.
- Revised Title Page submitted for each tariff (see Tariff Review section below).
- New Tariff submitted (see Tariff Review section below).

Adopted or New Tariff Review Items (as applicable):

- Properly formatted:
(Company name, PSC MO No., Page #, Page revision #, proposed effective date).
- Identifies competitive classification.
- Identifies waivers granted.
- Customer-specific pricing, if proposed; limited for private line, special access or Centrex-like services or to business customers in exchanges where the Incumbent Local Exchange Company (ILEC) has had its business services declared competitive pursuant to Section RSMo 392.245 [RSMo 392.200(8)].
- Proposed rates do not establish geographic deaveraged rates (if not checked, explain in attachment) [RSMo 392.200(4)].
- If an alternative operator service provider (receives more than 40% of revenues from traffic aggregators) operator service rates do not exceed: Person-to-Person (\$12.50), Station-to-Station/card (\$7.50) [RSMo 392.515(1)].
- Tariff clearly indicates areas offering local service [RSMo 392.455(3)].
 - All of Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P., d/b/a SBC Missouri (SBC Mo).
 - All of Sprint Missouri Inc. d/b/a Sprint (Sprint).
 - All of CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC (CenturyTel Mo).
 - All of Spectra Communications Group, LLC d/b/a CenturyTel (Spectra).
 - Other (please describe):
- Tariff offers local service as a separate and distinct service [RSMo 392.455(4)].
- Switched access service rates capped at ILEC's rates.

- The Company is not delinquent in filing an annual report or paying the PSC assessment.
- The Company is delinquent. Staff recommends the Commission grant the requested relief/action on the condition the applicant corrects the delinquency. The applicant should be instructed to make the appropriate filing in this case after it has corrected the delinquency.
- No annual report. Unpaid PSC assessment. Amount owed: _____
- There is an attachment with additional recommendations or special considerations (see below).

Attachment:

1. N/A.

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AFFIDAVIT OF Arthur P. Kuss

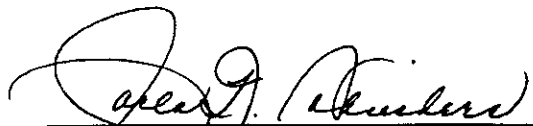
STATE OF MISSOURI)
) ss:
COUNTY OF COLE)

Arthur P. Kuss, employee of the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, being of lawful age and after being duly sworn, states that he has participated in the preparation of the accompanying Memorandum, and that the facts therein are true and correct to the best of his knowledge and belief.



Arthur P. Kuss

Subscribed and affirmed before me this 10th day of May, 2006.
I am commissioned as a Notary Public within the County of Cole, State of Missouri
and my commission expires on June 7, 2008.



NOTARY PUBLIC

