

MEMORANDUM

To: Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File
Case No.: **TN-2006-0364** Tariff File No.: **YX-2006-0731**

From: Arthur P. Kuss
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Utility Operations Division/Date

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General Counsel's Office/Date

Subject: Staff Recommendation for Approval of Name Change

Date: March 24, 2006 **Filing Deadline:** March 27, 2006

Existing Name of Company: **Sprint Long Distance, Inc.**

Proposed Name of Company: **Embarq Communications, Inc.**

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

- P.S.C. Mo. Tariff No. 1 Interexchange Telecommunications Services Tariff
Effective April 24, 2006.

The tariff pages submitted for approval are:

Original Title Page 1 through Section 8 Original Page 2.

The proposed Embarq Communications, Inc. P.S.C. Mo. Tariff No. 1 Interexchange Telecommunications Services Tariff directly replaces each correspondingly-numbered sheet of Sprint Long Distance, Inc. P.S.C. Mo. Tariff No. 12 Interexchange Telecommunications Services Tariff with no changes to service names, rates, terms, conditions, or promotions.

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; OR:
- Customers will be notified at or before the next billing cycle.

(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.

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

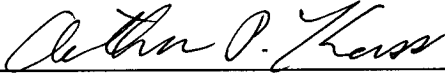
In Re: **Embarq Communications, Inc.'s**)
Tariff to Reflect Name Change from Sprint)
Long Distance, Inc., to Embarq)
Communications, Inc.)
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AFFIDAVIT OF Arthur P. Kuss

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 24th day of March, 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

