

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

In re: Embarq Communication, Inc.'s)
Tariff to Reflect New Service Offerings.)

Case No. TO-2006-0406
Tariff No. YX-2006-0791

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Public Service Commission, and for its recommendation in this matter, states:

1. In Case No. IO-2006-0086, the Commission approved a transaction entailing, among other things, the transfer of customers of Sprint Communications Company, L.P. to what is now known as Embarq Communications, Inc.¹ The transfer is a component of the overall transaction whereby SprintNextel Corporation is separating its wireline local service operation into an independent, standalone operation. *Stipulation and Agreement* at 2. Sprint Communications Company, L.P. will remain a part of SprintNextel Corporation; Embarq Communications, Inc., is a part of the newly-created, wireline business known as Embarq Corporation. As part of the *Stipulation and Agreement* in Case No. IO-2006-0086, the parties agreed that the transfer of business and residential customers between the two companies under certain conditions at the time of separation should take place was appropriate, and the Commission approved this provision. See *Stipulation and Agreement* at 7-8, paras. 3 through 5.

2. The tariff sheets submitted in this case are designed to “ensure a seamless transition for those customers” who are being transferred from Sprint Communications Company, L.P. to Embarq Communications, Inc. See Embarq’s *Motion for Expedited Treatment* at para. 2.

¹ At the time the Commission approved the *Stipulation and Agreement* in Case No. IO-2006-0086, Embarq Communications, Inc. was known as Sprint Long Distance, Inc. (see Case No. TN-2006-0364).

3. In the attached Memorandum, labeled Appendix A, the Staff indicates that it has no objections to Embarq's proposed tariff filing, as amended, or to Embarq's request for expedited approval.

WHEREFORE, Staff recommends that the Commission approve the tariff sheets submitted by Embarq Communications, Inc., in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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