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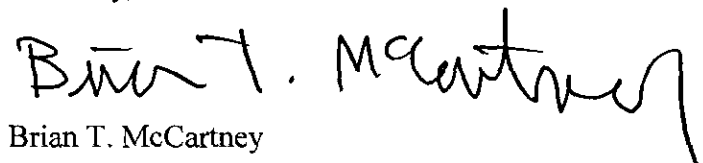
Re: Case No. TK-2004-0191

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing please find the original and eight (8) copies of a Reply to Sprint Spectrum L.P. in above-referenced matter.

Please bring this filing to the attention of the appropriate Commission personnel. A copy of this filing will be provided to parties of record. If there are any questions, please direct them to me at the above number. I thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,


Brian T. McCartney

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Enclosures
cc: Parties of Record

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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**Missouri Public
Service Commission

Application of Lathrop Telephone Company)
for Approval of an Agreement) Case No. TK-2004-0191
under the Telecommunications Act of 1996)

REPLY TO SPRINT SPECTRUM L.P.

COMES NOW Lathrop Telephone Company ("Lathrop") and for it Reply to Sprint Spectrum L.P., ("Sprint PCS") states to the Commission as follows:

INTRODUCTION AND DISCUSSION

On December 4, 2003, Lathrop filed its request for a Commission Order clarifying that: (1) the Agreement between Lathrop and Sprint PCS addresses indirect exchange of traffic, and (2) Lathrop has not waived, nor has the Commission terminated, Lathrop's rural exemption under 47 U.S.C. 251(f). Sprint PCS filed its response to Lathrop's motion on December 10 and a corrected version of the response on December 11, 2003. These responses indicate that Sprint PCS does not object to the clarification to the extent it requested clarification that Lathrop's 251(f)(1) "rural exemption" is not removed by the Agreement. However, Sprint PCS would object if Lathrop intends for its request to also capture the exemption in 251(f)(2) ("suspension and modification").

Lathrop is only seeking clarification as to its 251(f)(1) rural exemption, and Lathrop is not seeking a 251(f)(2) suspension in this case. Lathrop has willingly entered into its Agreement with Sprint PCS, and Lathrop intends to comply with the Agreement's terms. This pleading is intended to make clear that Lathrop is not seeking a 251(f)(2) suspension in this case and to resolve any concerns of Sprint PCS.

PROPOSED CLARIFICATION

Consistent with prior Commission orders, Lathrop respectfully requests that the Commission issue an order clarifying that the Agreement between Lathrop and Sprint PCS addresses the indirect exchange of traffic and does not terminate Lathrop's Section 251(f)(1) rural exemption. (e.g. "The Agreement between Lathrop and Sprint PCS addresses indirect exchange of traffic. Lathrop has not waived, nor has the Commission terminated, Lathrop's Section 251(f)(1) rural exemption.")

CONCLUSION

WHEREFORE, Lathrop respectfully requests the Commission to issue an Order clarifying that: (1) the Agreement between Lathrop and Sprint PCS addresses indirect exchange of traffic, and (2) Lathrop has not waived, nor has the Commission terminated, Lathrop's rural exemption under 47 U.S.C. 251(f)(1).

Respectfully submitted,

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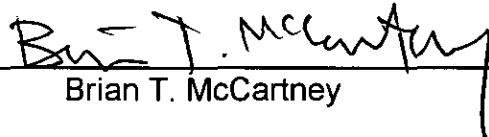
I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing document was sent by U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, or hand-delivered on this 12th day of December, 2003, to the following parties:

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