OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of Sprint)	
Long Distance, Inc., for a Certificate of)	Case No. LA-2006-0075
Authority to Provide Competitive Intrastate)	Tariff File No. JX-2006-0106
Interexchange Telecommunications Services)	
within the State of Missouri.)	

ORDER APPROVING INTEREXCHANGE CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE AUTHORITY AND ORDER APPROVING TARIFF

Issue Date: September 19, 2005 Effective Date: October 1, 2005

Syllabus: This order grants Sprint Long Distance, Inc., (Sprint) a certificate of service authority to provide interexchange telecommunications services and approves the company's proposed tariff.

Sprint Long Distance, Inc., (Sprint) applied to the Missouri Public Service Commission on August 10, 2005, for a certificate of service authority to provide intrastate interexchange telecommunications services in Missouri under Section 392.440, RSMo 2000.¹ Sprint asked the Commission to classify it as a competitive company and waive certain statutes and rules as authorized by Sections 392.361 and 392.420. Sprint is a Delaware corporation with its principal office located at 6200 Sprint Parkway, Overland Park, Kansas 66251.

The Commission issued a Notice of Applications for Intrastate Certificates of Service Authority and Opportunity to Intervene on August 16, 2005, directing parties

¹ All statutory references are to the Revised Statutes of Missouri (RSMo), revision of 2000, unless otherwise indicated.

wishing to intervene to file their requests by August 31, 2005. No requests for intervention were filed.

Sprint filed a proposed tariff in conjunction with its application with an effective date of October 1, 2005. Sprint's tariff describes the rates, rules, and regulations it intends to use, identifies Sprint as a competitive company, and lists the waivers requested. Sprint intends to provide interexchange telecommunications services including residential and business resold long distance service services.

In its Memorandum filed on September 13, 2005, the Staff of the Commission recommended that the Commission grant Sprint a certificate of service authority, competitive status, and waiver of the statutes and rules listed in the Notice. Staff recommended that the Commission approve the proposed tariff to become effective on October 1, 2005.

The Commission finds that competition in the intrastate interexchange telecommunications market is in the public interest and Sprint shall be granted a certificate of service authority. The Commission finds that the services Sprint proposes to offer are competitive and Sprint shall be classified as a competitive company. The Commission finds that waiving the statutes and Commission rules set out in the ordered paragraph below is reasonable and not detrimental to the public interest.

The Commission finds that Sprint's proposed tariff details the services, equipment, and pricing it proposes to offer, and is similar to tariffs approved for other Missouri certificated interexchange carriers. The Commission finds that the proposed tariff filed on August 10, 2005, shall be approved to become effective on October 1, 2005.

The Commission reminds the company that failure to comply with its regulatory obligations may result in the assessment of penalties against it. These regulatory obligations include, but are not limited to, the following:

- A) The obligation to file an annual report, as established by Section 392.210, RSMo 2000. Failure to comply with this obligation will make the utility liable to a penalty of \$100 per day for each day that the violation continues. 4 CSR 240-3.540 requires telecommunications utilities to file their annual report on or before April 15 of each year.
- B) The obligation to pay an annual assessment fee established by the Commission, as required by Section 386.370, RSMo 2000.
- C) The obligation to comply with all relevant laws and regulations, as well as orders issued by the Commission. If the company fails to comply, it is subject to penalties for noncompliance ranging from \$100 to \$2,000 per day of noncompliance, pursuant to Section 386.570, RSMo 2000.
- D) The obligation to keep the Commission informed of its current address and telephone number.

Furthermore, the company is reminded that, if it is a corporation, non-attorneys may not represent the company before the Commission. Instead, the corporation must be represented by an attorney licensed to practice law in Missouri.

In addition, the company is reminded that Section 392.410.5, RSMo Supp. 2004, renders the company's certificate of service authority null and void one year from the date of this order unless it has exercised its authority under that certificate.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- 1. That Sprint Long Distance, Inc., is granted a certificate of service authority to provide intrastate interexchange telecommunications services in the state of Missouri, subject to all applicable statutes and Commission rules except as specified in this order.
- 2. That the certification granted herein is conditioned upon the company's compliance with the regulatory obligations in this order.
- 3. That Sprint Long Distance, Inc., is classified as a competitive telecommunications company. Application of the following statutes and regulatory rules shall be waived:

Statutes

392.210.2 - uniform system of accounts

392.240.1 - rates-rentals-service & physical connections

392.270 - valuation of property (ratemaking)

392.280 - depreciation accounts

392.290 - issuance of securities

392.300.2 - acquisition of stock

392.310 - stock and debt issuance

392.320 - stock dividend payment

392.330 - issuance of securities, debts and notes

392.340 - reorganization(s)

Commission Rules

4 CSR 240-10.020 - depreciation fund income 4 CSR 240-30.040 - uniform system of accounts

4. That the tariff filed by Sprint Long Distance, Inc., on August 10, 2005, under tariff number JX-2006-0106, is approved to become effective on October 1, 2005. The tariff approved is:

P.S.C. Mo. Tariff No. 12

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- 5. That this order shall become effective on October 1, 2005.
- 6. That this case may be closed on October 2, 2005.

BY THE COMMISSION

Colleen M. Dale Secretary

(SEAL)

Kennard L. Jones, Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 19th day of September, 2005.