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1 Q. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS.

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3 A. My name is Nina W. Cornell. My address is 1290 Wood River Road, Meeteetse,
4 Wyoming 82433.

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6 Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE YOUR EDUCATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL
7 BACKGROUND AND EXPERIENCE.

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9 A. I am an economist in private practice, specializing in microeconomic analysis of
10 regulatory and antitrust issues. Until late 1988, I was with the firm of Cornell,
11 Pelcovits & Brenner Economists Inc., of which I was president.

12 Before entering private practice, I was Chief of the Office of Plans and
13 Policy, Federal Communications Commission (FCC). As Chief of the Office of
14 Plans and Policy, I served as chief economist to the Commission and participated in
15 virtually all FCC agenda meetings.

16 Prior to being associated with the FCC, I was the Senior Staff Economist for
17 regulatory, transportation, environmental, and health and safety issues for the Council
18 of Economic Advisers (CEA). In this position I reported directly to Charles L.
19 Schultze, Chairman of the Council.

20 Prior to being with the CEA, I was employed as an economist with the
21 Council on Wage and Price Stability, where I served on the Task Force on Reform
22 of Federal Energy Administration Regulations. Before joining the Federal
23 Government, I spent four years at the Brookings Institution as a Research Associate.
24 I am a graduate of Swarthmore College, and received my Ph.D. in Economics from
25 the University of Illinois in 1972.

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Q. HAVE YOU PUBLISHED ANY PAPERS ON TELECOMMUNICATIONS?

A. Yes. I have published a number of papers on the regulation of telecommunications as well as on other regulatory and natural resource issues. A list of my publications is contained in my resume -- Exhibit ____ (NWC-1).

Q. HAVE YOU TESTIFIED BEFORE?

A. Yes. I have served as an expert witness in several court and a number of regulatory proceedings, particularly proceedings involving telecommunications issues. I have also testified before various committees of the US Congress. A list of my testimonies is also contained in my resume.

Q. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR REBUTTAL TESTIMONY?

A. My rebuttal testimony responds to the testimony filed by Mr. Poag for Sprint-United and Sprint-Centel (Sprint). In particular, my testimony responds to Mr. Poag's testimony regarding 1) what are the appropriate rate structure, interconnection rates, or other arrangements for the exchange of local traffic between ALECs and Sprint; 2) what are the appropriate rate structure, interconnection rates, or other arrangements for the exchange of toll traffic between ALECs and Sprint; 3) what are the appropriate arrangements for physical interconnection between ALECs and Sprint; and 4) what are the appropriate arrangements for the delivery by Sprint of calls originated by and/or terminated to ALECs from other carriers (IXCs, other ALECs,

1 other LECs, wireless carriers) that are not directly connected to the ALEC. I also
2 briefly address Mr. Poag's proposal to charge special access rates for unbundled local
3 loops and respond to several other statements with which I disagree.

4 I recommend that the Commission order Sprint to treat ALECs as co-carriers,
5 and terminate local traffic that originates on the networks of ALECs using Mutual
6 Traffic Exchange, rather than either of the compensation methods recommended by
7 Mr. Poag. I also recommend that toll traffic be exchanged with the payment of
8 switched access charges. ALECs should be allowed to file their own switched access
9 tariffs, with a requirement only that the ALEC's total price to originate or terminate
10 a call not exceed the total price that would have been charged by Sprint for the same
11 call. I recommend that the physical arrangements for the physical interconnection of
12 the two networks allow the ALEC to designate one point of interconnection in each
13 local calling area, and that the point of interconnection could be at either its switch,
14 at a switch of Sprint, or at a meet point someplace between the two networks, an
15 option which Mr. Poag apparently would not allow. Finally, I recommend that the
16 Commission require Sprint to deliver calls originated by and/or terminated to an
17 ALEC from other carriers that are not directly connected to the ALEC on exactly the
18 same terms and conditions that Sprint performs that same function for independent
19 local exchange carriers.

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21 1. What Are the Appropriate Rate Structure, Interconnection Rates, or
22 Other Arrangements for the Exchange of Local Traffic between
23 ALECs and Sprint?

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25 Q. WHAT FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS DOES MR. POAG PROPOSE FOR THE

1 EXCHANGE OF LOCAL TRAFFIC BETWEEN AN ALEC AND SPRINT?

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3 A. Mr. Poag proposes that ALECs and Sprint compensate each other for terminating
4 local traffic either through a flat-rated port charge arrangement or through a per
5 minute of use charge equal to Sprint's terminating switched access charge, less the
6 CCL and the RIC. (Poag Direct at pages 4-5)

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8 Q. IS EITHER OF THESE AN APPROPRIATE COMPENSATION ARRANGEMENT?

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10 A. No. When one takes into consideration the policy goals that should be served by the
11 compensation arrangements for local traffic exchange, it is clear that the best
12 compensation arrangement for terminating local exchange traffic is payment for the
13 terminating function in kind, through mutual traffic exchange, rather than in cash, as
14 advocated by Mr. Poag.

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16 Q. WHAT POLICY GOAL SHOULD COMPENSATION ARRANGEMENTS
17 ESTABLISHED FOR TERMINATING LOCAL TRAFFIC BETWEEN
18 COMPETING LOCAL EXCHANGE NETWORKS BE DESIGNED TO SERVE?

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20 A. Whatever compensation arrangements are adopted should foster the ultimate
21 development of effective competition in local exchange markets.

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23 Q. WHAT IS EFFECTIVE COMPETITION?

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25 A. Effective competition exists when a firm cannot raise its prices significantly above

1 its costs without losing customers to other suppliers in sufficient quantity that it is
2 forced to bring its prices back in line with costs.

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4 Q. IS ENTRY THE SAME AS EFFECTIVE COMPETITION?

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6 A. No. Entry is a necessary first step towards the development of effective competition,
7 but it is not the same as effective competition. Effective competition requires that
8 there are enough alternatives available to and adopted by a sufficient number of
9 consumers that the choices consumers actually make in the market force all of the
10 firms in that market to bring their prices in line with costs and keep them there.

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12 Q. WHAT ARE THE OBSTACLES THAT MIGHT PREVENT ENTRY FROM
13 BECOMING EFFECTIVE COMPETITION IN LOCAL EXCHANGE MARKETS
14 IN FLORIDA?

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16 A. Local exchange markets are characterized by significant barriers to entry based on
17 the nature of current technology and the long period during which consumers have
18 faced only a monopoly supplier for local exchange service. In addition, the policy
19 determinations that need to be made could raise equal or even greater artificial
20 barriers to entry. Some of the conditions being proposed for entry, including some
21 that are being proposed here in Florida and around the country, could limit entry
22 sufficiently that effective competition could never develop, if any entry ever occurred
23 at all.

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25 Q. WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY BARRIERS TO ENTRY?

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A. *Barriers to entry occur whenever a firm that is not already in the market faces conditions that would make it have to expect to earn more than the normal return on investment before it would be a wise business decision to put shareholders' funds at risk in the market. The main types of barriers to entry arise when 1) a potential entrant knows that some or all of its investments in that market, once made, cannot easily be recovered should the entry be unsuccessful; or 2) the entrant knows it will face costs upon entering that the incumbent firm does not face. In the first case, the greater the level of investments that would be unrecoverable if entry were unsuccessful, the higher the barrier to entry, in that the greater the expected return on those investments would have to be to make the entry a reasonable business risk. Similarly, the greater the costs the potential entrant would face that the incumbent does not, the higher the barrier to entry and therefore the greater the expected return on investment would have to be to make entry a reasonable business risk. Both of these types of barriers to entry exist today in local exchange markets because of the nature of the existing technology and consumers' habits. Both of these types of barriers to entry could be increased artificially by inappropriate policy choices in this docket.*

Q. **WHAT ARE THE NATURAL BARRIERS TO ENTRY INTO LOCAL EXCHANGE MARKETS?**

A. Local exchange telephone markets have several important characteristics that naturally create barriers to entry. First, entry will take very large capital outlays, many of which may well be unrecoverable if the firm fails in the market. Second, the

1 construction financed with those capital outlays will take quite some time to be able
2 to reach beyond a small area. Third, consumers are totally unused to the idea of
3 multiple firms supplying local exchange services, so very large marketing costs can
4 be anticipated. Marketing costs are costs that are unrecoverable if the firm is
5 unsuccessful and has to exit the market. Fourth, firms in telecommunications
6 markets, unlike almost any other markets, cannot operate completely independently
7 of each other, affected only by the interaction of what each offers to the public and
8 how the public responds to those offerings. Instead, all firms in the market must
9 interconnect and agree to terminate traffic for each other. There are also several
10 other areas in which cooperation is required for competition to be possible.

11 The first three facts cited above by themselves mean that there are barriers
12 to entry into local exchange markets that are greater than in many other markets.
13 The capital and marketing outlays that are unrecoverable if the firm must exit are
14 barriers to entry caused by the fact that these costs would be sunk once incurred.
15 Thus, before a firm actually enters a market, it must believe that the expected
16 revenues from entry are greater than would be the case if there were no large sunk
17 costs from entry.

18 Given just the first three characteristics of local exchange telecommunications
19 markets, most entrants are likely to begin small and grow slowly. Entrants must be
20 able to take advantage of any synergies they have with other services they may
21 provide, in order to start earning revenues as soon as possible to justify the very
22 large capital outlays needed to expand their networks. In this process, entrants will
23 be eager to serve any and all customers that they can serve for more than the
24 marginal costs of adding the customer. Once a firm has installed network facilities,
25 particularly outside plant, any customer that pays more than the marginal cost of

1 adding it to the entrant's network will help to pay for the initial investment in that
2 network.

3 The entrants also need to be able to concentrate their marketing efforts where
4 they can get the most exposure for the amount spent, in order to overcome the
5 entrenched position of the former monopoly firm. This again is best done where the
6 entrants can take advantage of any synergies they have with other services they
7 provide.

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9 Q. WHAT ARE THE SPECIFIC PRINCIPLES THAT SHOULD GOVERN
10 COMPENSATION ARRANGEMENTS FOR TERMINATING LOCAL TRAFFIC
11 IN ORDER TO PREVENT THOSE ARRANGEMENTS FROM RAISING
12 ARTIFICIAL BARRIERS TO ENTRY IN LOCAL EXCHANGE MARKETS IN
13 FLORIDA?

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15 A. There are at least three principles that should govern compensation arrangements for
16 terminating local traffic. First, competing local exchange carriers must be treated as
17 co-carriers, not customers, in recognition of the fact that the need for interconnection
18 becomes mutual as soon as an entrant signs up its first customer. Once an entrant
19 gains that first customer, each has a mutual need for services from the other if each
20 is to offer its customers the ability to reach all other telephone subscribers in the local
21 exchange. Thus, compensation arrangements for terminating local exchange traffic
22 must be reciprocal. If the compensation arrangements are not reciprocal, the firm
23 that must pay more faces a barrier to entry. This is different from the situation with
24 interexchange carriers, who are customers of the incumbent local exchange carriers.

25 Second, it is very important that the compensation arrangements for

1 terminating local exchange traffic foster efficiency rather than inefficiency. The fact
2 that each carrier will need the other should not be used as a reason to create an
3 upward spiral in either local exchange costs or rates, or to try to impose
4 anticompetitive terms and conditions on entrants by incumbents. Firms that are just
5 as efficient as incumbent firms should not be discouraged from entering the market
6 because of the type of compensation arrangements for terminating local exchange
7 traffic that are adopted.

8 Third, the compensation arrangements for terminating local traffic should not
9 force entrants to select one technology over another or one network architecture over
10 another. One of the major benefits from opening local exchange markets to entry and
11 the development of effective local exchange competition is that the residents of the
12 state can benefit from competition between different technologies and involving
13 different architectures of service. If the compensation arrangements for terminating
14 traffic skew the technology or architecture choices of entrants, however, this benefit
15 from entry will be reduced or eliminated. This would not be in the public interest.

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17 Q. WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY ARCHITECTURE IN YOUR LAST ANSWER?

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19 A. By architecture, I mean such elements of service as the decision about how many
20 switches to place and where to place them in terms of the overall networks of the
21 entrants. The decisions made about these issues by the incumbent local exchange
22 carriers have been influenced by a large number of factors, including their own
23 historical practices. The current relationship of total customers to numbers of
24 switches may no longer be efficient. Entrants should not be forced by the
25 arrangements for terminating local exchange traffic to duplicate the choices made by

1 the incumbents.

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3 Q. YOU CALL FOR EQUALLY EFFICIENT FIRMS TO BE ABLE TO ENTER THE
4 MARKET. ISN'T THE WHOLE PURPOSE OF ALLOWING COMPETITION TO
5 HAVE MORE EFFICIENT FIRMS ENTER THE MARKET?

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7 A. Not entirely. Competitive entry benefits consumers when equally efficient firms
8 enter, because they force the incumbent to reflect fully its efficiency in prices and to
9 become more efficient than it currently is. Currently, whatever is the efficiency level
10 of the incumbent measured in terms of its total service long run incremental costs,
11 the prices it is charging are far higher. Entry, if the market is properly structured,
12 can drive those prices down. If, however, the requirement is that the firm must be
13 more efficient than the incumbent, there are fewer and fewer firms that can even
14 enter.

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16 Q. YOU PREVIOUSLY SAID THAT COMPENSATION ARRANGEMENTS MUST
17 BE RECIPROCAL. WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY RECIPROCITY?

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19 A. By reciprocity, I mean that the entrant can charge the same exact price as the
20 incumbent charges for performing the same task, namely terminating a local call.

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22 Q. WHY WOULD A LACK OF RECIPROCITY CREATE A BARRIER TO ENTRY?

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24 A. A lack of reciprocity, with the entrant receiving less than the incumbent, creates a
25 barrier to entry because it prevents a potential entrant that is just as efficient as the

1 incumbent from receiving the same payments as the incumbent. In this respect, it is
2 similar to a price squeeze.

3 To be able to sign up any customers at all, an entrant must price below the
4 incumbent or offer a better service for the same price. Certainly, an entrant cannot
5 offer the same service for a higher price. If the incumbent is allowed to charge a
6 higher interconnection price than the entrant, the entrant must be more efficient than
7 the incumbent in order to be able even to meet the price of the incumbent, let alone
8 price below the incumbent's price.

9 Suppose that the incumbent is allowed to set the rate for terminating traffic
10 for the entrant at the incumbent's cost plus 1¢, but the entrant is only allowed to
11 charge the cost to it of termination. Assume further that traffic is in balance, and
12 that every call originated by a customer of the entrant terminates on the incumbent's
13 network. If the entrant is just as efficient as the incumbent, all of its costs are the
14 same -- except for the cost of termination. Here, because of the lack of reciprocity,
15 the entrant faces a cost 1¢ higher than the cost to the incumbent. For the entrant to
16 be able to even charge the same price for a local call that the incumbent charges, it
17 must be able to provide local calls at a cost to it, before taking into account
18 interconnection charges, of 1¢ less than providing a local call costs the incumbent.
19 The entrant, however, is just as efficient as the incumbent. This means that
20 providing local calls costs it the same as it costs the incumbent. As a result, because
21 its costs of termination have been made 1¢ higher than the cost to the incumbent, the
22 entrant cannot enter and even match the price of the incumbent. The result is it is
23 prevented from entering.

24 If instead of all calls terminating on the opposite network, only some do, the
25 amount by which the entrant must be more efficient is somewhat less, but the effect

1 does not go away. The effect of not requiring reciprocity in interconnection rates is
2 to create a barrier to entry.

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4 Q. WHAT COMPENSATION ARRANGEMENT FOR TERMINATING LOCAL
5 EXCHANGE TRAFFIC BEST SERVES THE THREE GOALS YOU OUTLINED
6 ABOVE?

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8 A. The best compensation arrangement for terminating local exchange traffic that passes
9 between the networks of two competing local exchange providers is payment for the
10 terminating function in kind, through mutual traffic exchange, rather than in cash.

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12 Q. WHY DO YOU RECOMMEND THE USE OF PAYMENT IN KIND, THROUGH
13 THE USE OF MUTUAL TRAFFIC EXCHANGE, RATHER THAN PAYMENT
14 IN CASH?

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16 A. There are at least five reasons why I recommend the use of payment in kind, or
17 mutual traffic exchange, rather than payment in cash. First, mutual traffic exchange
18 is obviously reciprocal, thus respecting that all participants are co-carriers. Second,
19 mutual traffic exchange is by far the least cost means of compensating for terminating
20 traffic, and therefore is the method most likely to help drive local exchange rates as
21 low as possible. Third, mutual traffic exchange offers the least ability for Sprint to
22 use the compensation mechanism to try to impose both unnecessary and
23 anticompetitive costs upon the entrants, thereby making it the method least likely to
24 result in new unnecessary barriers to entry. Fourth, mutual traffic exchange is
25 neutral in terms of both the technology and architecture that entrants might choose

1 to adopt. In this regard, therefore, it is the method most likely to enhance dynamic
2 efficiency in telecommunications. Fifth, mutual traffic exchange is the only
3 compensation mechanism that may create some incentive for Sprint to want to
4 cooperate in developing true number portability, rather than helping Sprint to benefit
5 further from its absence.

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7 Q. MUTUAL TRAFFIC EXCHANGE IS OBVIOUSLY RECIPROCAL. WHY DO
8 YOU SAY IT IS THE MOST EFFICIENT MEANS OF COMPENSATING FOR
9 TERMINATING LOCAL EXCHANGE TRAFFIC?

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11 A. Mutual traffic exchange is the most efficient means of compensating for the
12 termination of local exchange traffic, for at least two reasons. First, because the
13 termination of traffic will be paid for "in kind" by each carrier, rather than with
14 money, each carrier has the incentive to minimize the cost of those terminations, an
15 incentive it does not have under any other form of compensation. Second, mutual
16 traffic exchange does not impose costs on the system that could only be justified at
17 most for a transition period.

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It is very instructive to note that mutual traffic exchange is the dominant
practice that has long been in use between non-competing adjacent local exchange
carriers around the country -- and in Florida -- for terminating local (Extended Area
Service) traffic between adjacent territories. Where there is no gain from
anticompetitive or inefficient behavior, carriers seek the most efficient approach. The
dominance of mutual traffic exchange in these relationships suggests strongly the
efficiency of this approach.

1 Q. WHY DOES MUTUAL TRAFFIC EXCHANGE CREATE THE BEST
2 INCENTIVES AVAILABLE TO MINIMIZE THE COST OF TERMINATING
3 TRAFFIC?

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5 A. Because of the inherent nature of payments in kind, rather than in cash, the payer
6 actually has the ability to affect the cost to itself of the "in kind" payment. This
7 means that each carrier will try to terminate traffic at least cost, thus promoting
8 efficiency. The result will be to seek out more efficient ways to terminate traffic,
9 and, if effective competition can develop, these cost savings will be passed on in
10 reduced local exchange service rates. The likelihood of reduced local exchange
11 service rates is enhanced under mutual traffic exchange relative to almost all other
12 forms of compensation because termination in kind means that the cost for
13 termination is no higher than its total service long run incremental cost, rather than
14 also including some "contribution."

15 If termination of traffic is paid for with money, as is proposed by Sprint, one
16 effect is to give the incumbent the incentive to make the cost inefficiently high and
17 pass that inflated cost on to its competitors. If termination of traffic is paid for in
18 kind, however, any such cost-raising activities fall on the traffic terminator, not the
19 traffic originator. Thus, if the incumbents tried to terminate traffic in an inefficient
20 manner, the costs would fall on them, not the entrants. The result is to encourage
21 the incumbents to terminate traffic in the most efficient manner possible.

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23 Q. WHY DOES MUTUAL TRAFFIC EXCHANGE NOT IMPOSE COSTS THAT
24 ARE JUSTIFIED AT MOST ONLY FOR A TRANSITION PERIOD?

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1 A. Once all the conditions for effective competition have been established, it is virtually
2 certain that the amount of compensation that would be due to one network would be
3 exactly offset by the amount due to the other. Unless there are significant distortions
4 between networks, the traffic between networks tends to be in balance over time.
5 This means that it is inefficient for firms to develop measurement and billing
6 arrangements that can significantly increase the costs of doing business when the
7 amounts to be paid are going to cancel out over relatively short periods of time. Mr.
8 Poag states that the recording of usage for purposes of applying a per minute of use
9 charge requires special software which Sprint has not deployed in its switches. In
10 fact, Mr. Poag states that because of the high cost of the software, Sprint does not
11 currently plan to deploy the software in any switches other than its access tandems.
12 (Poag Direct at pages 17-18) Based on information that I have seen in other states,
13 developing such a measurement and billing system could more than double the total
14 service long run incremental cost of the switching function for terminating traffic
15 from the cost without measurement and billing. This is a significant -- and totally
16 unnecessary -- cost burden to add to local exchange service, when it can only be
17 justified at best for a relatively brief period of time. It also imposes other costs on
18 local exchange service, costs that fall more heavily on the entrants than on Sprint.
19 Mutual traffic exchange is much more efficient, as it prevents the addition of these
20 costs and reflects the likely outcome in a world where all of the necessary conditions
21 have been met for effective competition, particularly true number portability.

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23 Q. WHY DO YOU SAY THAT MUTUAL TRAFFIC EXCHANGE OFFERS THE
24 LEAST ABILITY FOR SPRINT TO USE THE COMPENSATION MECHANISM
25 TO TRY TO IMPOSE UNNECESSARY BARRIERS TO ENTRY?

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A. Under mutual traffic exchange, Sprint cannot impose costs on its rivals through how it provides or bills for compensation. Under Sprint's proposal, however, it has no incentive to ensure that the "high cost" measurement method being deployed is not unnecessarily costly, since it will pass that cost along to its rivals.

Moreover, based on the experiences to date with the billing for carrier access charges, the fact of billing will pose additional unnecessary costs in the form of auditing and verification costs. Carrier access bills have been sufficiently in error that it has been cost effective for interexchange carriers to hire people full time to audit and try to get corrections made in these bills. These auditing costs have not been one-time costs, but continue to be incurred today. The costs to the interexchange carriers are less than the savings from what they otherwise would have been required to pay, but these expenditures bring with them no social benefits whatsoever. In other words, these costs are a total dead weight loss to society.

Local exchange users will gain no benefits from duplicating this experience in the local exchange arena. Doing so, moreover, would deny consumers the ability to have local exchange rates fall as far as they might otherwise fall. These auditing costs would become another irreducible part of the cost floor for local exchange service. Because the rates for basic local exchange service are central to the provision of universal service, it would be bad public policy to insist on arrangements that raise costs, rather than lowering them.

Q. EARLIER, IN LISTING THE ADVANTAGES OF MUTUAL TRAFFIC EXCHANGE, YOU SAID THAT MUTUAL TRAFFIC EXCHANGE IS NEUTRAL IN TERMS OF BOTH TECHNOLOGY AND ARCHITECTURE. WHY?

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A. Mutual traffic exchange is totally neutral in terms of both technology and network architecture because the amount paid to each participant does not depend upon the choices of technology or architecture. Each carrier can select the technology and network architecture that it wants, without having to factor in possible penalties that could arise under other arrangements for terminating local traffic. This is very important for the dynamic efficiency of telecommunications. The greatest benefits to consumers from entry over time will come from the efficient search for and deployment of new and better technologies for sending and receiving information.

Q. WHY MAY MUTUAL TRAFFIC EXCHANGE CREATE AT LEAST SOME INCENTIVE FOR THE INCUMBENT LOCAL EXCHANGE CARRIERS TO COOPERATE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF TRUE NUMBER PORTABILITY?

A. Mutual traffic exchange is the only arrangement that has been discussed that may create some incentives -- even if slight -- for the incumbent carriers to cooperate in the development of true number portability, because the lack of true number portability may make the costs to the incumbents higher than if true number portability were present. To the extent that traffic might not be in balance at the outset, it is likely to be because a significant number of customers do not want to change their telephone numbers. Some customers, particularly business customers who are more likely to have more than one line, might respond by splitting their subscriptions, retaining some lines from the incumbent and along with them their old telephone numbers, while using the entrant for outgoing traffic. Under mutual traffic exchange, this would make the incumbent's terminating costs higher than if the

1 customer moved all of its lines to the entrant.

2 Creating incentives for the incumbent local exchange carriers to cooperate
3 with the development of true number portability is important, because they benefit
4 from the lack of true number portability. Thus, they have every incentive to try to
5 resist its development and deployment, and to try to insist that only entrants should
6 pay any costs to achieve it. This is not good for the public.

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8 Q. DO YOU BELIEVE TRAFFIC WILL BE IN BALANCE?

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10 A. Yes. Networks tend normally to have roughly equal amounts of incoming and
11 outgoing traffic. Unless very strong incentives exist to try to select customers on the
12 basis of their incoming or outgoing traffic patterns, the way entrants will build their
13 networks should produce the same outcome. Entrants will put facilities in certain
14 locations, and then try to get as many customers as possible in that general location
15 to subscribe to service using those facilities. Once an entrant has facilities in one
16 neighborhood, the entrant will want to serve as many customers who are there as can
17 be induced to switch to the entrant, regardless of their particular usage patterns,
18 because a number of the costs of the facilities do not vary with the number of
19 customers served. This will be true, moreover, whether the entrant is using fiber or
20 radio systems. Even radio-based systems have equipment that is geographically
21 specific and that can be used in common by a number of subscribers, so long as they
22 live in the relevant geographical area. An entrant, with no customers from whom it
23 can cross subsidize its services, would be willing to serve any customer who pays
24 more than the direct costs it imposes, unless again there is both a strong incentive and
25 the ability to do otherwise.

1 Such an incentive would exist only if serving customers with one pattern of
2 usage was made prohibitively expensive. This could occur if the rate to entrants for
3 terminating traffic on the network of the incumbent were made higher than the rate
4 the entrants could charge the incumbent, or if the compensation for terminating traffic
5 on the network of the incumbent is very high relative to the price for local calling.
6 If there were any entry at all under either of these conditions, the entrant would have
7 a strong incentive to serve customers who had little outgoing local exchange traffic,
8 but who had a large amount of incoming traffic. Such customers would leave the
9 entrants paying for many fewer calls to the incumbent while receiving payment for
10 many more calls from the incumbent.

11 If such an incentive were created, the entrants would also have to know the
12 ratios of customers' incoming and outgoing traffic. This is not necessarily known or
13 easy to know by either the customer or the entrant. Most customers do not get
14 reports of incoming (non-800) traffic. Thus, entrants may not have the ability to
15 make a distinction among customers based on whether they have mostly incoming or
16 outgoing traffic.

17 In the absence of both an incentive and the ability to distinguish between
18 customers based on their relative proportions of incoming and outgoing traffic, it
19 seems much more likely that traffic will be in balance between networks. The
20 aggregation of the traffic patterns of a number of customers would suggest this
21 outcome.

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23 Q. WOULDN'T THE UNEQUAL SIZES OF THE RELATIVE NETWORKS
24 SUGGEST TRAFFIC WOULD NOT BE IN BALANCE?

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1 A. No. The relative size of networks does not determine how much traffic will flow in
2 each direction. The easiest way to see that this is the case is to imagine a small
3 carrier with only a few customers, but those customers spend their entire waking
4 hours calling customers of the big network. Because of the number of customers of
5 the small network, if all of them were to do nothing but call customers of the big
6 network, they still would not generate a large number of calls. Meanwhile, it only
7 takes a few calls each from customers of the big network calling customers of the
8 small network to equal the number of calls that could go from the customers of the
9 small network to the customers of the big network.

10 For example, if a new entrant were to gain a 2 percent market share in Fort
11 Myers, then on average its customers would be likely to make 2 percent of their local
12 Fort Myers calls to other customers of the new entrant, and 98 percent of their local
13 Fort Myers calls to customers of Sprint. At the same time, on average Sprint's
14 customers would make 98 percent of their local Fort Myers calls to other Sprint
15 customers and 2 percent of their local Fort Myers calls to customers of the new
16 entrant. But 98 percent of the calls originating on the network of a provider with 2
17 percent of the market is the same number of calls as 2 percent of the calls originating
18 on the network of a provider with 98 percent of the market, leaving the total number
19 of calls terminated by each provider on the other provider's network in balance.

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21 Q. YOU RECOMMEND THE USE OF MUTUAL TRAFFIC EXCHANGE TO
22 COMPENSATE FOR TERMINATING TRAFFIC ORIGINATED ON ANOTHER
23 LOCAL EXCHANGE NETWORK. IS MUTUAL TRAFFIC EXCHANGE
24 REQUIRING SPRINT TO TERMINATE ITS RIVALS' LOCAL EXCHANGE
25 TRAFFIC "FOR FREE?"

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2 A. No. It is important to remember that rival local exchange carriers are not customers,
3 but co-carriers. That means, whenever the rival has acquired a single customer,
4 traffic will flow both ways. Mutual traffic exchange simply involves each carrier
5 "paying" for the other to terminate local calls originated by its subscribers by
6 mutually terminating local calls originated by the customers of the other carrier. That
7 is why I referred to it as payment "in kind" rather than "in cash."

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9 Q. DOES SPRINT AGREE THAT INTERCONNECTION COMPENSATION
10 SHOULD BE BASED ON MUTUAL TRAFFIC EXCHANGE?

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12 A. No. Sprint has proposed to charge local exchange entrants either a flat-rated port
13 charge or switched access charges other than the Carrier Common Line Charge and
14 the Residual Interconnection Charge. The use of any part of switched access charges
15 is inappropriate.

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17 Q. WHY WOULD SWITCHED ACCESS CHARGES BE INAPPROPRIATE FOR
18 COMPENSATION FOR TERMINATING LOCAL EXCHANGE TRAFFIC?

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20 A. The use of switched access charges for compensation for terminating local exchange
21 traffic would totally bar entry, because the current regulation of Sprint would prevent
22 it from imputing these rates into its own local exchange rates. If Sprint were able
23 to reset its local exchange rates in order to pass an imputation test, it would make
24 entry at least possible, although it would create a significant and unnecessary upward
25 spiral in local exchange rates. In short, use of switched access charges for

1 compensation for terminating local exchange traffic under Sprint's current regulatory
2 restrictions would deny the public all of the benefits that could come from local
3 exchange competition. Use of switched access charges for compensation for
4 terminating local exchange traffic if Sprint's current regulatory restrictions were
5 relaxed to allow imputation would deny the public one of the two major potential
6 benefits from competition, namely reduced costs and prices.

7 Even if it were willing to pay the entrant's switched access charges, however,
8 if it also insists that the entrant must mirror the switched access rate structure of
9 Sprint, reciprocity in that part of the interconnection charge could occur only if the
10 entrant mirrored the architecture, at least, of the incumbent, rather than picking the
11 architecture that would otherwise be efficient, as discussed below. This would deny
12 the public the other major potential benefit from entry, namely the promotion of more
13 rapid deployment of new and better technologies.

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15 Q. IN YOUR INITIAL DISCUSSION OF THE PRINCIPLES THAT SHOULD BE
16 SERVED BY THE METHOD OF COMPENSATING FOR TERMINATING
17 LOCAL EXCHANGE TRAFFIC BETWEEN COMPETING LOCAL EXCHANGE
18 CARRIERS, YOU NOTED THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT THE METHOD
19 OF COMPENSATION NOT BE USED TO CREATE AN UPWARD SPIRAL OF
20 LOCAL EXCHANGE COSTS OR RATES. YOU ALSO SAID THE USE OF
21 SWITCHED ACCESS CHARGES FOR COMPENSATION WOULD EITHER BAR
22 ENTRY OR CREATE SUCH AN UPWARD SPIRAL, ASSUMING A CHANGE
23 IN HOW SPRINT IS REGULATED. HOW?

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25 A. The use of switched access rates create an intolerable price squeeze. The only way

1 for the Commission to allow these rates to go into effect and not kill any possibility
2 whatsoever for competition would be to require Sprint to impute the same rates into
3 all of its local exchange rates. Imputing switched access rates into local exchange
4 rates, however, would mean raising basic local exchange rates for reasons other than
5 an increase in the economic cost of providing local exchange service.

6 A far better approach would be to adopt mutual traffic exchange. Mutual
7 traffic exchange does not create a conflict between Sprint's current regulation and the
8 possibility of gaining any benefits of entry. This is in addition to all of the other
9 benefits I have listed above that arise from the use of mutual traffic exchange.

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11 Q. WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY A PRICE SQUEEZE?

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13 A. By the term "price squeeze" I am referring to a particular relationship between two
14 prices (or two sets of prices). This relationship can arise whenever a monopoly
15 supplier of inputs to other firms also competes to sell the end user service. If that
16 monopoly supplier sets the price or prices of the bottleneck monopoly inputs at a
17 level such that its end user price does not recover both the price(s) for the monopoly
18 input(s) and the rest of the costs of producing the end user service(s), a price squeeze
19 exists. Under a price squeeze, a dependent competitor that is just as efficient as the
20 monopolist cannot cover all of its costs at the price for the end user product charged
21 by the monopolist. There is absolutely no way that an unregulated, competitive firm
22 can lose a penny on every sale and make it up in volume. Thus, when a firm sees
23 that it is going to be subject to a price squeeze, what it sees is a barrier to entry.

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25 Q. IF SWITCHED ACCESS CHARGES ARE USED FOR COMPENSATION, WHY

1 WOULD RECIPROCITY ONLY BE POSSIBLE, IF AT ALL, IF THE ENTRANT
2 MIRRORED THE ARCHITECTURE OF THE INCUMBENT?

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4 A. Switched access charges are composed of a series of rate elements charged for the
5 use of different piece parts of the incumbent's network to terminate a call. Except
6 for the rate elements designed to pay "contribution," if the piece part is not used,
7 then the rate element is not charged. The proposals to use switched access charges
8 for compensation mostly include the same requirement. Thus, the entrant would only
9 be allowed to charge for the same categories of costs that the incumbent claims are
10 the costs of providing service.

11 Suppose an entrant placed only a single switch, using much more "loop" plant
12 than the incumbent. The total cost to it to terminate a local call for the incumbent
13 may or may not be less than the incumbent's costs, but those costs may be in
14 different categories from those used by the incumbent. If the only costs the entrant
15 can recover in its local interconnection tariff are switching and transport costs,
16 however, it will be handicapped relative to the incumbent, and may be prevented
17 from recovering all of its costs regardless of whether they are less than or equal to
18 the incumbent's costs. Particularly in the early years of its existence, an entrant will
19 mostly be terminating calls from customers of the incumbent rather than from its own
20 customers. Because of the inability to recover its costs using its preferred
21 architecture, it will face an incentive to try to mirror the architecture of the
22 incumbent, even if it were not the most efficient architecture. This would be very
23 bad for the public, because it would reduce the dynamic efficiency benefits from
24 entry.

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1 Q. WOULD A COMPENSATION PROPOSAL SIMILAR IN STRUCTURE TO
2 SWITCHED ACCESS CHARGES BUT WITH THE ACTUAL RATES SET JUST
3 AT COST BE THE SAME AS MUTUAL TRAFFIC EXCHANGE IN TERMS OF
4 ITS BENEFITS?

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6 A. No. Although setting the rates at cost instead of above cost would clearly be
7 preferable, such a compensation arrangement still would lead to significantly higher
8 costs for local exchange service than a system of mutual traffic exchange, for the
9 reasons discussed above. It would also still create uneconomic incentives for the
10 entrants to adopt an architecture or technology that is less efficient, solely in order
11 not to be penalized by the compensation mechanism, as discussed above.

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13 Q. IN ADDITION TO DETERRING ENTRY, ARE THERE ANY OTHER
14 PROBLEMS CREATED IF COMPENSATION IS NOT RECIPROCAL?

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16 A. Yes. There is a second problem caused if compensation is not reciprocal, and that
17 is that even if a more efficient firm enters the market, that firm is required to transfer
18 its efficiencies to the incumbent, rather than being able to use its greater efficiency
19 to gain market share. This also reduces the likelihood of a potential entrant actually
20 entering the market.

21 This problem can be seen by an example. Suppose there are two firms in the
22 market, and each terminates on the other network half of the local calls that originate
23 on its network. Suppose it costs the incumbent 3¢ per call to terminate local calls,
24 but it only costs the entrant 2¢. Suppose further that it also costs the incumbent 3¢
25 per call for origination, but it only costs the entrant 2¢ per call. If the entrant has

1 to charge the incumbent only 2¢ per call terminating into the entrant's network, the
2 incumbent could offer its own customers calling at 5 and 1/2¢ per call, which is less
3 than the 6¢ per call that it currently costs the incumbent to originate and terminate
4 using only its own network. The entrant, meanwhile, will have to charge 4 and 1/2¢
5 per call in order to recover the interconnection charges that it has to pay the
6 incumbent. If, however, the entrant were allowed to charge the incumbent 3¢ per
7 call for termination, equal to the charge of the incumbent, it could charge 4¢ per call
8 to its own customers, passing on to them the full benefits of its greater efficiency.
9 The incumbent would have to charge the full 6¢ per call until it became as efficient
10 as the entrant. In this example, the market would send the right information to
11 consumers about which firm is more efficient, and the right signals to the incumbent
12 to become more efficient.

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14 Q. MR. POAG STATES THAT HE DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT "BILL AND KEEP"
15 NECESSARILY MEETS THE STATUTORY REQUIREMENT THAT THE
16 INTERCONNECTION CHARGE COVER ITS COSTS. (POAG DIRECT AT
17 PAGE 3) IN YOUR OPINION, DOES MUTUAL TRAFFIC EXCHANGE MEET
18 THIS STATUTORY REQUIREMENT?

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20 A. Yes. The price ultimately charged by Sprint for local interconnection will set the
21 appropriate market price that Sprint would be required to pay for terminating traffic
22 on the network of a new entrant. If traffic is in balance, as would be expected once
23 there is a true database solution to local service-provider number portability, then
24 under Mutual Traffic Exchange, Sprint will receive a service for which it would have
25 had to pay that same amount of money.

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Q. IF THE COMMISSION BELIEVES THAT COMPENSATION SHOULD BE IN CASH, RATHER THAN IN KIND, WHAT RATE LEVEL WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR COMPENSATION FOR TERMINATING LOCAL CALLS?

A. The rate should be set at the direct economic costs of supplying the termination by the incumbent, and no higher. Only if this is the rule for the rates for compensation for terminating local calls can the price for local exchange services have any chance of falling to the social cost of providing them.

Q. YOU USED THE TERM "SOCIAL COST" IN YOUR LAST ANSWER. WHAT IS SOCIAL COST AND HOW DOES IT RELATE TO ECONOMIC COSTS?

A. The social cost of providing a good or service is equal to the cost of the resources that society must give up to produce that good or service. The economic cost of providing a good or service is equal to the least cost firms in the given market would face when operating efficiently. Both concepts of cost include a competitive level of profit, but not any higher level of profit. If all goods and services are sold at their social cost, then the economic costs of services will be equal to their social costs.

If, however, some intermediate goods or services -- that is, goods or services used as inputs in the production of other goods or services -- are priced above their social costs, the economic costs of the goods or services that use them will be higher than their social costs. This is in fact the case today for interexchange services. Because switched access is priced far above its social cost, the economic cost of interexchange services is also far above the social cost of interexchange services. The

1 same thing could happen to local exchange services if the rates for interconnection
2 and other essential monopoly input functions needed to supply local exchange services
3 are allowed to be set in excess of their social cost.

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5 Q. WHY WOULD RATES FOR COMPENSATING FOR TERMINATING LOCAL
6 EXCHANGE TRAFFIC HIGHER THAN THE DIRECT COST OF THE
7 TERMINATIONS RESULT IN PRICES FOR RETAIL SERVICES BEING
8 UNABLE TO FALL TO THE SOCIAL COSTS OF SUPPLYING THEM?

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10 A. If the Commission wants effective competition to be able to drive retail service prices
11 down to the social cost of providing them, it needs to set interconnection service
12 prices at the direct cost of supplying them, and look only to retail services for
13 collection of all of the costs of the incumbent local exchange carriers other than the
14 direct cost of providing interconnection services. Telecommunications is unlike
15 almost any other market in the fact that carriers cannot be in business without
16 interconnecting to competitors. Carriers, however, do not go into business for the
17 purpose of supplying interconnection, but for the purpose of serving end users.
18 Therefore, carriers should look to end users for the recovery of all of the indirect
19 costs of the firm.

20 It is very important to understand that whatever prices are set for
21 interconnection services become part of the economic costs of the companies that
22 must pay them. Connecting carriers cannot compete down the prices for
23 interconnection services, and will be denied service if they do not pay the asking
24 price. Thus, these prices are real costs to the connecting carriers, and are part of the
25 economic costs of providing retail services, even if those prices are above the social

1 costs to provide interconnection services. If interconnection service prices are any
2 higher than the direct cost of supplying them, effective competition may develop in
3 terms of driving prices down to the economic costs of supplying retail services, but
4 those costs will be higher than the social costs of supplying those retail services.

5 If there is to be any competition at all for the retail services that the
6 incumbent local exchange companies provide at the same time that they provide these
7 necessary interconnection services for their rivals, the prices the incumbents charge
8 their rivals for the interconnection services must be part of the retail price floor
9 facing the incumbent carriers as well. Otherwise, the incumbent local exchange
10 carriers can charge their rivals more for interconnection services than they recover
11 for those same services, which would allow the incumbents to underprice equally
12 efficient rivals in the retail market. This is anticompetitive, and prevents the
13 development of competition for the retail services affected. Thus, if any competition
14 is to be possible, the incumbent local exchange carriers must recover at least the
15 same prices for interconnection services as they charge their rivals. As a result,
16 whatever those prices are become part of the economic costs of the retail services.

17 The interconnecting carriers do not only have costs for interconnection. They
18 also have direct costs for other inputs into their retail services. Further, they also
19 have indirect costs that they must recover through markups over direct cost in their
20 retail service rates. These are costs of doing business that do not vary with the
21 output of the retail service, such as overhead costs. If the interconnection rates that
22 the interconnecting carriers must pay include some of the recovery of the indirect
23 costs of the incumbent local exchange carriers, two bad effects occur. First, the
24 basic level of prices in the retail market is higher than it would be otherwise, as new
25 entrants will have to price to recover their own indirect costs, and to help recover the

1 indirect costs of the incumbent. Second, the amount of recovery of the incumbent's
2 indirect costs in interconnection rates will be shielded completely from competitive
3 pressure, since those indirect costs will be imposed on the competitors, and cannot
4 be competed out.

5 If interconnection prices are set at cost, but no higher, all firms will have to
6 look to their retail customers for recovery of all of their indirect costs, as well as for
7 recovery of their direct costs of providing the retail services. A firm that is
8 inefficient at supplying the functions that do not vary with the volume of service will
9 discover that it has to set its retail prices higher than its more efficient competitors.
10 This will cause it to lose market share, and so force it to become more efficient at
11 performing those functions. This is to the benefit of consumers.

12 If, however, interconnection prices include a markup over cost, this same
13 market pressure cannot develop for the amount of the markup contained in
14 interconnection rates. Basically, it is very important to remember that
15 interconnection rates cannot be competed down. Under those circumstances, the
16 costs recovered in those prices cannot face a market test for efficiency.

17 If the Commission wants competition to bring retail prices down to the social
18 cost of providing them (or as close to that level as is possible), it will have to set the
19 prices for the necessary interconnection services to recover just the economic cost of
20 providing them and no more. This means pricing these services to recover the total
21 service long run incremental cost (TSLRIC) of supplying them, but not including any
22 markup over that cost level in interconnection prices.

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24 Q. DOES MR. POAG'S PROPOSAL TO OFFER LOCAL INTERCONNECTION AT
25 SWITCHED ACCESS RATES, EXCLUDING THE CCL AND THE RIC, RESULT

1 IN A PRICE THAT IS ABOVE THE TSLRIC COST OF PROVIDING THE
2 INTERCONNECTION?

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4 A. Although I have not reviewed Sprint's cost data, the price for switched access almost
5 certainly includes a contribution above direct economic costs. In the recent hearing
6 involving BellSouth's local interconnection arrangements, for example, BellSouth's
7 switched access charge, excluding the CCL and RIC, was 1.052 cents per minute,
8 while the cost of those functions was much less, and could be expressed in tenths of
9 a cent per minute.

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11 Q. IS MR. POAG'S PROPOSAL FOR A FLAT-RATED INTERCONNECTION
12 CHARGE ON A PER PORT BASIS AN APPROPRIATE ALTERNATIVE TO
13 MUTUAL TRAFFIC EXCHANGE?

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15 A. No. Mr. Poag makes clear that the per port charge is above cost. Moreover, it
16 suffers from the same defects as a charge per minute of use in that it imposes
17 unnecessary transactions costs of billing, auditing, and the like. Even if these defects
18 were cured, it still should not be offered as the exclusive option.

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20 Q. MR. POAG'S DISCUSSION OF SPRINT'S FLAT-RATED PORT PROPOSAL
21 MAKES CLEAR THAT SPRINT PROPOSES TO CHARGE MORE FOR
22 TANDEM INTERCONNECTION THAN FOR END OFFICE
23 INTERCONNECTION, BUT THAT IT INTENDS TO COMPENSATE
24 ENTRANTS ONLY FOR END OFFICE INTERCONNECTION. IS THIS
25 APPROPRIATE?

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A. No. Mr. Poag's discussion of the tandem functions at page 16, line 14, to page 17, line 6, makes clear that the tandem is an essential facility that can only be provided by Sprint. Sprint will not rehome all of its central offices on a switch provided by an entrant for all functions served by a tandem, and there are large economies of scope in the tandem function. Given these two facts, only Sprint can provide the tandem function. Requiring entrants to pay more for tandem interconnections than for end office interconnections is simply an abuse of Sprint's monopoly over tandem functions. Entrants cannot duplicate this function, and so cannot avoid paying more for interconnections than does Sprint.

Q. MR. POAG CLAIMS THE DIFFERENTIAL IS NECESSARY TO REFLECT DIFFERENCES IN COST, AND THAT ENTRANTS CAN BUILD TO EACH END OFFICE TO AVOID THE EXTRA TANDEM CHARGES. DO YOU AGREE?

A. This would only be the case for entrants that wanted to use Mr. Poag's flat-rate ports, not the per minute of use charge. Sprint is only going to install the special, high-cost software in the access tandem, apparently forcing all entrants to choose between using only tandem interconnections and being able to pay a charge per minute of use, or having to pay for a port to avoid paying for tandem functions. Sprint should not be allowed to force these choices on entrants. Instead, if the Commission rejects the best solution of Mutual Traffic Exchange, it should require the rate paid, whether per port or per minute, to be the same whether the interconnection is at the tandem or the end office, and that it be reciprocal.

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Q. ON PAGE 16, LINES 16-22, MR. POAG DEFENDS SPRINT'S PROPOSAL TO CHARGE MORE FOR INTERCONNECTION USING A TANDEM BY CLAIMING THAT THE COSTS TO SPRINT OF USING A TANDEM "OFFSET" THE CHARGES TO ENTRANTS. IS HE CORRECT?

A. No. First of all, not all of Sprint's local traffic uses a tandem. Second, the charge to entrants is higher than Sprint's cost, which is all that Sprint incurs for its own traffic.

2. What Are the Appropriate Rate Structure, Interconnection Rates, or Other Arrangements for the Exchange of Toll Traffic Between ALEC and Sprint?

Q. DO YOU AGREE WITH MR. POAG THAT SPRINT AND THE ALECS SHOULD COMPENSATE EACH OTHER FOR JOINTLY PROVIDED INTRALATA TOLL THROUGH THE PAYMENT OF SWITCHED ACCESS CHARGES? (POAG DIRECT AT PAGE 23)

A. Yes. Toll traffic should be exchanged using each carrier's switched access charges. Sprint already has an access charge tariff. Each ALEC should be allowed to file an access charge tariff of its own, with the only requirement being that the total charge for originating and terminating toll calls by the ALEC not exceed the total rate that would have been paid to Sprint.

1 3. How Should Competing Local Exchange Networks be Physically
2 Interconnected?

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4 Q. HOW DOES MR. POAG PROPOSE THAT COMPETING LOCAL EXCHANGE
5 NETWORKS BE PHYSICALLY INTERCONNECTED?

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7 A. Mr. Poag's testimony is not entirely clear on this point, although it appears that he
8 proposes to have interconnection take place only at Sprint's access tandems or end
9 offices. (See Poag Direct at pages 3, 7, 17) Sprint does not appear to contemplate
10 that it would interconnect to an ALEC's network via a "meet point" arrangement.

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12 Q. HOW SHOULD THE NETWORKS OF ENTRANTS AND OF INCUMBENTS BE
13 INTERCONNECTED PHYSICALLY?

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15 A. The major requirement for physical interconnection is that it should be done in the
16 most efficient manner possible. This means that interconnection should be allowed
17 at any feasible point of interconnection, rather than being arbitrarily limited to only
18 certain points, and that the facilities -- trunks -- that actually join the two networks
19 also be as efficient as possible. Additionally, signaling networks need to be
20 interconnected and need to pass sufficient signaling information so that all of the
21 services possible with today's technology can be offered to all customers.

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23 Q. WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY ALLOWING INTERCONNECTION AT ANY
24 FEASIBLE POINT OF INTERCONNECTION?

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1 A. Based on the arrangements already in use today, interconnection clearly can occur at
2 a number of points. Interexchange carriers interconnect with local exchange carriers
3 either at their own Points of Presence, or, thanks to recent Federal regulatory
4 changes, at the switch of a local exchange provider. The incumbent local exchange
5 providers often interconnect with each other at a "meet point," which is just a
6 division of ownership of a trunk connecting two switches owned by different
7 companies. The "meet point" is usually the boundary between two adjacent
8 exchanges.

9 All of these are feasible points of interconnection between Sprint and
10 competitive local exchange entrants. The point of interconnection for a trunk
11 connecting the networks could be at either end -- at the switch of either the entrant
12 or Sprint -- or it could be in the middle, defining a "meet point" between the two
13 networks. The entrant should get to select which of these it wishes, as its choice will
14 be dictated solely by the desire to minimize costs. That choice should allow the
15 entrant to select only one point of interconnection per local calling area.

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17 Q. WHY WOULD THE ENTRANT, BUT NOT SPRINT, WANT TO MINIMIZE
18 COSTS?

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20 A. In order to attract customers, an entrant must offer either lower prices or improved
21 services over what customers can get from Sprint. In order to do either of these, the
22 entrant needs to keep its costs as low as possible. Moreover, an entrant will be likely
23 initially to have a higher percentage of its traffic going to Sprint's network than the
24 percentage of its total local traffic Sprint has that will terminate on the network of the
25 entrant, although the actual quantities should be in balance. Thus, interconnection

1 costs will be a higher percentage of its costs of providing local calling. This
2 increases the incentive of the entrant to keep those costs as low as possible.

3 Sprint, on the other hand, can use interconnection costs as one of a number
4 of opportunities to try to handicap the entrant, by making the entrant's costs higher
5 than Sprint's, thus blocking or impeding entry. One way to do this is to insist upon
6 unnecessarily costly methods of interconnection. Thus, allowing the entrant to select
7 which of the points of interconnection it wants to use is the method most likely to
8 minimize these costs.

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10 Q. SHOULD SPRINT BE ALLOWED TO REQUIRE COLOCATION IF THE
11 ENTRANT WANTS TO PROVIDE SOME OF THE TRUNKS USED FOR
12 INTERCONNECTION?

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14 A. No. The Commission should require Sprint to allow entrants to specify a "meet
15 point" as an additional option. Only if the entrant is allowed to specify that it wants
16 a meet point can it have the actual trunks that provide interconnection supplied only
17 at direct economic cost. If it has this right, it may be able to negotiate with Sprint
18 for other configurations that also result in the payment only of direct economic cost.
19 If it does not have this right, it has no bargaining power, and Sprint can force it to
20 pay more for interconnections than Sprint pays, adding to the anticompetitive nature
21 of the proposed interconnection arrangements.

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23 Q. WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THE USE OF THE MOST EFFICIENT TRUNKS?

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25 A. Trunks can be either one-way trunks or two-way trunks. The former carry traffic in

1 only one direction, the latter in both. Often, two-way trunks are more efficient, as
2 they allow more traffic to be carried on a given number of circuits. Each entrant
3 should be allowed to select the form of trunking that is most efficient for it, including
4 being able to put both local exchange and intraLATA traffic on the same trunks, in
5 order to minimize costs.

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7 4. What Are the Appropriate Arrangements for the Delivery of Calls
8 Originated by and/or Terminated to ALEC an From Other Carriers
9 That Are Not Directly Connected to the ALEC?

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11 Q. HOW DOES MR. POAG PROPOSE THAT SPRINT BE COMPENSATED FOR
12 THE DELIVERY OF CALLS ORIGINATED BY AND/OR TERMINATED TO AN
13 ALEC FROM OTHER CARRIERS THAT ARE NOT DIRECTLY CONNECTED
14 TO THE ALEC?

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16 A. Mr. Poag proposes that Sprint be compensated for the tandem switching function and
17 the transport function, presumably at the switched access charge rates applicable to
18 those functions, and also be allowed to pass-through any terminating local
19 interconnection charge paid by Sprint to an ALEC who terminates the call. (Poag
20 Direct at page 25)

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22 Q. IS THIS AN APPROPRIATE COMPENSATION ARRANGEMENT FOR
23 PROVIDING THE INTERMEDIARY FUNCTION FOR TRAFFIC?

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25 A. No. Mr. Poag's proposal would be appropriate, however, if the charge for the

1 tandem switching and transport functions for local traffic was set equal to the direct
2 economic costs (TSLRIC) of providing those functions, rather than set at Sprint's
3 switched access charge rates. Further, Sprint should be required to handle toll transit
4 traffic exactly as it does for independent local exchange carriers.

5 Sprint should be required to do this because it holds a monopoly over the
6 transit function. Because of its status as the former monopoly company, all carriers
7 are connected to Sprint. Sprint should not be allowed to refuse to serve as the transit
8 carrier, given that this would be the most efficient way to get the traffic to its
9 destination. Nor should it be allowed to use its position to force entrants to pay a
10 discriminatory price for this service.

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12 5. What is the Appropriate Rate for Unbundled Local Loops?

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14 Q. MR. POAG STATES THAT SPRINT WILL OFFER UNBUNDLED LOCAL
15 LOOPS AT THE PRICE SET FORTH IN SPRINT'S SPECIAL ACCESS TARIFFS.
16 (POAG DIRECT AT PAGE 32) ASSUMING THAT THE ISSUE OF THE PRICE
17 FOR UNBUNDLED LOCAL LOOPS IS PROPERLY BEFORE THE
18 COMMISSION IN THIS DOCKET, IS THE PRICE PROPOSED BY MR. POAG
19 APPROPRIATE?

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21 A. No. The price for unbundled local loops (and loop concentration and loop transport,
22 which are not mentioned in Mr. Poag's testimony but should be offered as part of the
23 initial set of unbundled elements) should be set at direct economic cost (TSLRIC).
24 Any other level of price above cost would have no ability to permit Sprint to pass an
25 imputation test, enabling Sprint to create a price squeeze. As discussed earlier, a

1 price squeeze exists whenever a firm that supplies essential inputs to a competitor
2 recovers less in its end user rates for those essential inputs than it charges its
3 competitors. Given the flat rates charged for local exchange service, and particularly
4 residential local exchange service, a price for loops that was greater than TSLRIC
5 would create a price squeeze for entrants.

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6. Miscellaneous Issues.

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9 Q. MR. POAG STATES THAT SPRINT WILL ALLOW CONNECTIONS BETWEEN
10 ALECS THROUGH ITS TARIFFED COLOCATION FACILITIES WITHOUT
11 BEING ROUTED THROUGH THE TANDEM, BUT THAT SPRINT WILL NOT
12 PERMIT ALECS TO DIRECTLY CONNECT TO EACH OTHER ACROSS
13 SPRINT'S FLOOR SPACE WITHOUT GOING THROUGH SPRINT'S
14 COLOCATION FACILITIES. (POAG DIRECT AT PAGE 35) IS THIS AN
15 APPROPRIATE RESTRICTION?

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17 A. The only restriction that Sprint should be permitted to impose is a requirement that
18 ALECs desiring direct ALEC-to-ALEC interconnection be colocated at the same
19 Sprint central office and/or tandem. Permitting Sprint to impose other restrictions
20 would simply permit it to impose additional costs on its competitors. For a direct
21 ALEC-to-ALEC interconnection between colocation facilities, Sprint should be
22 permitted to charge a rate equal to its direct economic cost (which includes a return
23 on investment) of furnishing the in-house cabling used to accomplish the connection.
24 All other costs incurred by Sprint are already covered in its colocation charges.

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1 Q. DOES THIS CONCLUDE YOUR TESTIMONY?

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3 A. Yes.

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