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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Comprehensive Review of)	Docket No. 920260-TL
the Revenue Requirements and Rate)	
Stabilization Plan of Southern Bell)	Filed: November 8, 1996
Telephone and Telegraph Company)	
)	

**SPRINT COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP'S
POST-HEARING STATEMENT OF ISSUES AND POSITIONS**

Sprint Communications Company Limited Partnership ("Sprint"), through its undersigned counsel and pursuant to Commission Rule 25-22.056(3), Florida Administrative Code, and the Commission's Prehearing Order, hereby submits its Post-Hearing Statement of Issues and Positions in the above-styled docket.

I. BASIC POSITION

**** SPRINT'S BASIC POSITION:** The Commission should adopt the Joint Proposal of FIXCA, AT&T, MCI, Sprint and AT&T Wireless ("Joint Proposal") to implement the \$48 million rate reduction approved by the Commission in Order No. PSC-94-0172-FOF-TL. The rate reductions should be accomplished by elimination of the RIC from access charges, and by reductions in PBX trunk rates, DID service rates and mobile interconnection rates as specified in the Joint Proposal. BellSouth's proposal to target reductions in services where it anticipates competition should be rejected.

D. Issues and Positions

ISSUE 1. Below are listed the proposals of various interested parties to this proceeding with respect to the disposition of the scheduled 1996 unspecified rate reductions. Which, if any, should be approved?

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	BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.:	<u>millions</u>
1)	Reduce switched access (introduce zone density)	\$16.40
2)	Reduce PBX rates and introduce term contracts	13.45
3)	Waive certain business and residential Secondary Service Order charges	5.81

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millions

4)	Reduce First Line Connection charges (Business)	3.22
5)	Introduce Area Plus for Business	2.25
6)	Eliminate usage charge on Remote Call Forwarding	2.01
7)	Reduce DID recurring and non-recurring charges	1.88
8)	Credit for ECS routes implemented	1.10
9)	Reduce Business Line monthly rates in Rate Group 12	.62
10)	Reduce Megalink interoffice rates	.58
11)	Reduce WATS and 800 Service access line charges	.36
12)	Eliminate the Secondary Service Order charge for WatsSaver	.30
13)	Reduce SNAC charges for Business	.07
14)	Reduce DS-1 interoffice mileage rates	<u>\$.04</u>
		\$48.09

B) Joint Proposal of ATT, MCI, Sprint Communications, FIXCA, Ad Hoc and McCaw Communications:

millions

1)	Reduce PBX and DID trunk charges	\$11.00
2)	Eliminate the Residual Interconnection Charge	35.00
3)	Reduce mobile interconnection rates	<u>2.00</u>
		\$48.00

C) Public Counsel:

Establish a reserve fund to assist BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., customers who have experienced problems with conversion to the 954 NPA.

D) FCTA:

Eliminate nonrecurring charges for interconnection trunks and special access circuits ordered by ALECs.

E) Palm Beach Newspapers, Inc./Florida Today:

Reduce usage rates for N11 service to \$.02 per minute.

**** SPRINT'S POSITION:** The three components of the Joint Proposal should be approved.

(1) The "make-whole" RIC rate element implemented under rate of return regulation should be eliminated.

(2) Reduction of PBX and DID rates will help to achieve consistency between functionally equivalent services, particularly with BellSouth's ESSX service.

(3) Reduction in mobile interconnection rates will achieve reasonable parity between IXC access charges and rates paid by mobile service providers.

ISSUE 2: To the extent the Commission does not approve the plans proposed by BellSouth, Public Counsel, FCTA, Palm Beach Newspapers, Inc./Florida Today and AT&T, MCI, Sprint, FIXCA, Ad Hoc and McCaw, how should the Commission implement the scheduled rate reduction?

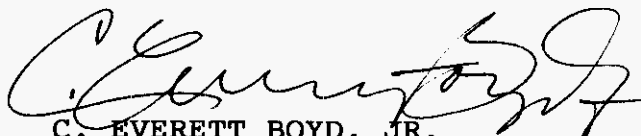
**** SPRINT'S POSITION:** The Joint Proposal should be adopted. No alternative plan is necessary.

ISSUE 3: What should be the effective dates of the approved tariffs?

**** SPRINT'S POSITION:** The rates approved by the Commission to implement the \$48 million reduction should be effective not later than 30 days from the Commission's final order in the docket.

DATED this 8th day of November, 1996.

Respectfully submitted,



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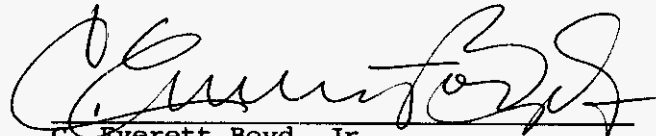
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