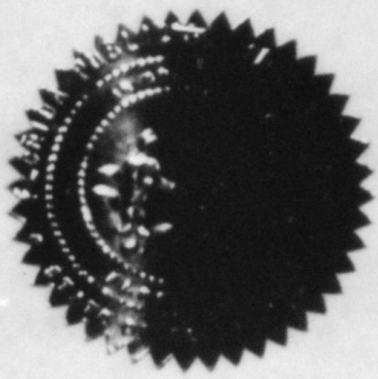


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In the Matter of
Petition by Sprint
Communications Company Limited
Partnership, d/b/a Sprint for
arbitration with BellSouth
Telecommunications, Inc.
concerning interconnection
rates, terms, and conditions
pursuant to the Federal
Telecommunications Act of 1996.

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PROCEEDINGS: SPECIAL AGENDA CONFERENCE

BEFORE: COMMISSIONER DIANE K. KIESLING
 COMMISSIONER JOE A. GARCIA

DATE: Tuesday, January 14, 1997

TIME: Commenced at 8:30 a.m.
 Concluded at 8:38 a.m.

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P R O C E E D I N G S

(Hearing convened at 8:30 a.m.)

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3 COMMISSIONER KIESLING: We'll call the
4 agenda conference to order. The one and only item is
5 the petition by Sprint for arbitration with BellSouth.

6 MR. REITH: Would you like to go ahead
7 issue-by-issue?

8 COMMISSIONER KIESLING: Who is going to make
9 the presentation?

10 MR. REITH: Robin.

11 MS. NORTON: Issue 6 is first.

12 Commissioners, this issue addresses the
13 appropriate performance standards, if any, and Staff
14 has recommended that the Commission not specifically
15 adopt the performance standards in this proceeding.
16 Instead we are recommending the Commission adopt a
17 policy that BellSouth should provide services at least
18 equal in quality to those which it provides itself.
19 And that it should instruct BellSouth to submit the
20 standards in the agreement for approval to negotiate
21 with Sprint and to put them into the agreement when it
22 is filed to be voted on.

23 COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Hang on one second.
24 Diane, do you have any questions with any particular
25 issue on here?

1 COMMISSIONER KIESLING: No.

2 COMMISSIONER GARCIA: I don't. So -- I'd
3 like to just go ahead and move this.

4 I just want to thank Staff. It was
5 comprehensible, easy to work through, and I like the
6 points you address, which have been an issue to all of
7 us, and it surprised me since Walter was working on it
8 that that happened. I'm just kidding. (Laughter)

9 MS. NORTON: Thank you, Commissioner. I'd
10 like to make one small correction on Issue 6 and to
11 eliminate the language, the last sentence, last part
12 of that sentence that says, "but in no event later
13 than March 31st." In studying the calendar, I think
14 that date is going to be rendered meaningless and we
15 just recommend it be filed with the agreement when
16 that happens.

17 MR. COX: Commissioners, Staff has one
18 modification to make on Issue 27's recommendation.

19 COMMISSIONER KIESLING: Okay.

20 MR. COX: We'd like to strike the word "yes"
21 and in its place insert "the Commission is not
22 required to decide this issue," and the rest of the
23 recommendation will stand as is.

24 COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Okay.

25 COMMISSIONER KIESLING: Then without

1 objection it's passed unanimously. That was quick.

2 I'd add, also, along with Commissioner
3 Garcia, I mean one of the reasons -- it wasn't that I
4 was make being short shrift of this first time that
5 we've looked at most favored nation, you all did a
6 good job of laying it out, and so I appreciate that,
7 too. You did make it easy. Thanks.

(Thereupon, the hearing concluded at 8:20

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