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Re: Docket No. 030457 Joint Motion for Extension of Time.

Dear Ms. Bayó:

Enclosed for filing on behalf of Sprint are the original and 15 copies of Sprint-Florida, Incorporated ("Sprint") and NewSouth Communications Corp. ("NewSouth") Joint Motion for Extension of Time.

Copies are being served on the parties in this docket via electronic and US mail.

Please acknowledge receipt of this filing by stamping and initialing a copy of this letter and returning same to the courier. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 850/599-1560.

Sincerely,

Susan S. Masterton

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Enforcement of interconnection agreement) Docket No. 030457-TP
Between NewSouth Communications Corp.)
and Sprint-Florida, Inc.) Filed: September 16, 2003
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JOINT MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

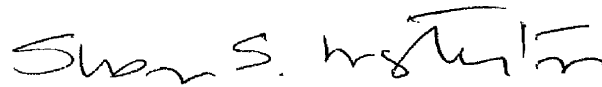
Sprint-Florida, Incorporated (“Sprint”) and NewSouth Communications Corp. (“NewSouth”) move this Commission for an extension of time to file direct testimony. In support thereof, Sprint and NewSouth state as follows:

1. Direct testimony in this docket is scheduled to be filed on September 17, 2003.
2. On August 28, 2003 the parties engaged in mediation in the presence of a Commission mediator and reached a conceptual settlement of the issues disputed in this docket.
3. The parties are currently in the process of finalizing a formal settlement agreement embodying the settlement reached at the mediation.
4. The parties anticipate that the agreement will be executed and the obligations required of each party under the agreement will be completed in the near future, at which time NewSouth will dismiss its complaint that is the subject of this docket.
5. Pending final resolution of the settlement agreement, the parties are requesting that the Commission extend the time for filing of direct testimony until October 15, 2003. By that date the execution of the settlement agreement and fulfillment of its terms should be completed and the complaint withdrawn. If

for any unforeseen reason that has not occurred the parties can proceed with the case at that time.¹

WHEREFORE, in light of the above, Sprint and NewSouth respectfully request that the Commission grant this joint request for an extension of the time to file direct testimony in this docket until October 15, 2003.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 16th day of September 2003.



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¹ If for any reason settlement of the dispute is not concluded and the case proceeds, the rebuttal testimony date would also need to be revised consistent with the revised direct testimony date. Sprint and NewSouth would suggest a new date of November 5, 2003, which would not interfere unduly with preparation for the hearing scheduled for December 8, 2003.

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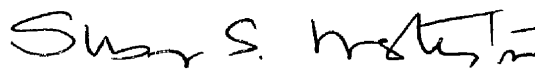
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