## BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

IN RE: SPRINT-FLORIDA, INCORPORATED'S PETITION TO REDUCE INTRASTATE SWITCHED NETWORK ACCESS RATES TO INTERSTATE PARITY IN A REVENUE NEUTRAL MANNER PURSUANT TO SECTION 364.164(1), FLORIDA STATUTES

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Sprint's Request for Confidential Classification and Protective Order Pursuant to Section 364.183(1), Florida Statutes

Sprint-Florida, Incorporated ("Sprint") hereby requests that the Florida Public Service Commission ("Commission") classify certain documents and/or records identified herein as confidential, exempt from public disclosure under Chapter 119, Florida Statutes and issue a protective order reflecting such decision and protecting the information in the possession of the Commission and the Office of the Public Counsel. The information that is the subject of this request is contained in certain documents included in Sprint's pre-filed Amended Direct Testimony of John M. Felz, accompanying Sprint's Amended Petition to Reduce Intrastate Switched Network Access Rates to Interstate Parity in a Revenue Neutral Manner, filed today in this docket.

1. The following documents or excerpts from documents are the subject of this request:

Highlighted portions of page 9, line 18 of the Amended Direct Testimony of John M. Felz

2. One unredacted copy of the document has been submitted to the Division of Records and Reporting under seal this same day. The confidential information is

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identified by gray highlighting. Two redacted copies of the information are attached to this request.

- 3. The information for which the Request is submitted is trade secret or other highly proprietary competitive or valuable information and thus meets the definition of confidential proprietary business information pursuant to Section 364.183(3), Florida Statutes. Specific justification for confidential treatment is set forth in Attachment A.
- 4. Section 364.183(3), provides:
  - (3) The term "proprietary confidential business information" means information, regardless of form or characteristics, which is owned or controlled by the person or company, is intended to be and is treated by the person or company as private in that the disclosure of the information would cause harm to the ratepayers or the person's or company's business operations, and has not been disclosed unless disclosed pursuant to a statutory provision, an order of a court or administrative body, or private agreement that provides that the information will not be released to the public. The term includes, but is not limited to:
  - (a) Trade secrets.
  - (b) Internal auditing controls and reports of internal auditors.
  - (c) Security measures, systems, or procedures.
  - (d) Information concerning bids or other contractual data, the disclosure of which would impair the efforts of the company or its affiliates to contract for goods or services on favorable terms.
  - (e) Information relating to competitive interests, the disclosure of which would impair the competitive business of the provider of information.
  - (f) Employee personnel information unrelated to compensation, duties, qualifications, or responsibilities.
- 5. Furthermore, Section 688.002(4), Florida Statutes is instructive on what constitutes a trade secret and provides that:

- (4) "Trade secret" means information, including a formula, pattern, compilation, program, device, method, technique, or process that:
- (a) Derives independent economic value, actual or potential, from not being generally known to, and not being readily ascertainable by proper means by other persons who can obtain economic value from its disclosure or use; and
- (b) Is the subject of efforts that are reasonable under the circumstances to maintain its secrecy.
- 5. The subject information has not been publicly released. Furthermore, release of the information could impair the competitive business of the company.
- 6. Sprint previously submitted a Request for Confidential Classification and Protective Order for identical information contained in the pre-filed Direct Testimony of John M. Felz accompanying Sprint's original Petition, filed on August 27, 2003. That request is still pending.

Based on the foregoing, Sprint respectfully requests that the Commission grant Sprint's Request for Confidential Classification, exempt the information from disclosure under Chapter 119, Florida Statutes and issue a protective order, protecting the information from disclosure while it is maintained at the Commission and in the possession of the Office of the Public Counsel.

## RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 1st day of October 2003.

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## ATTACHMENT A

Document and Page and Line Numbers	Justification for Confidential Treatment
Highlighted portions of page 9, line 18 of the Amended Direct Testimony of John M. Felz	Contains information concerning Sprint's cost to provide competitive services, disclosure of which will harm Sprint's competitive business interests (s. 364.183(3) (e), F.S.)

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