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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Petition of Sprint Communica-
tions Company Limited Partnership for
Arbitration of Proposed Interconnection
Agreement with BellSouth Telecommunica-
tions, Inc., Pursuant to the Telecommu-
nications Act of 1996

Docket No. 961150-TP

Filed: October 24, 1996

MOTION OF SPRINT COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP
FOR EXTENSION OF DATE FOR FILING REBUTTAL TESTIMONY

Sprint Communications Company Limited Partnership ("Sprint"),
by and through its undersigned counsel, moves for an extension to
November 1, 1996, of the date for the filing of rebuttal testimony
in the above-styled docket, and in support thereof states:

1. This docket involves the arbitration of the rates, terms
and conditions of interconnection, resale and purchase of unbundled
elements pursuant to the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

2. The current date for the filing of rebuttal testimony in
this docket is October 29, 1996.

3. On the morning of October 21, 1996, the parties attended
a Staff Workshop for the identification of issues in this complex
docket. The preliminary issue list contains 25 issues. The
workshop was attended by three representatives of Sprint, two

representatives of BellSouth, and as many as six members of Staff.

4. During the said workshop, a discussion took place among

all participants regarding the date for the filing of rebuttal
testimony in this docket. Each of the three Sprint representa-

tives, including the undersigned, understood the Staff to state

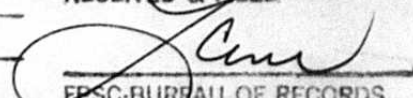
that the date for filing rebuttal testimony in this docket had been

extended to November 1, 1996, the same date as in the similar

Sprint/GTEFL arbitration docket.

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5. Following the workshop, Sprint's representatives related the November 1 rebuttal filing date to its company employees working on preparation of the rebuttal testimony, including its likely rebuttal witnesses. Those Sprint employees then adjusted their work schedules and workload based upon the November 1, 1996, date. As the Commission is aware, there are arbitration proceedings being conducted in numerous states and, thus, company resources are under extreme time constraints.

6. Late this morning, October 24, 1996, Sprint has learned from Staff that there was a misunderstanding at the workshop and the original rebuttal testimony filing date of October 29, 1996, is still in place.

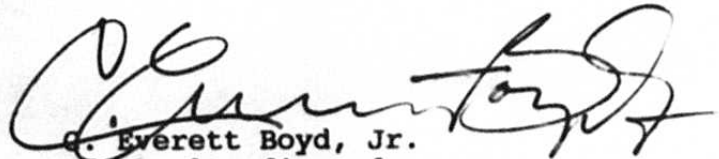
7. The undersigned counsel has discussed this matter with Ms. Nancy White, counsel for BellSouth, and she has authorized me to state that (1) the two BellSouth representatives at the workshop, including Ms. White, also understood Staff to state that the rebuttal testimony filing date had been extended to November 1, 1996, (2) that she had communicated the November 1 date to BellSouth's own witnesses and staff, who relied upon the extension, and (3) that BellSouth joins in Sprint's request for an extension of the filing date to November 1, 1996.

8. Although arising solely out of misunderstanding, Sprint and BellSouth will be unduly prejudiced if the rebuttal testimony is required to be filed on October 29, 1996. The prehearing conference is scheduled for November 25, and thus no delay or

prejudice will result in extending the filing date to November 1, 1996.

WHEREFORE, Sprint respectfully requests the Commission to enter its Order extending until November 1, 1996, the date for the filing of rebuttal testimony.

Respectfully submitted,



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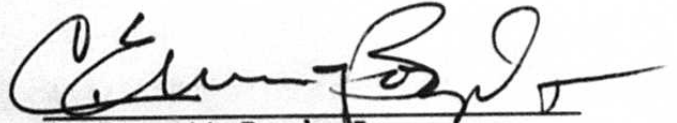
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