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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Petition by Sprint for Arbitration with GTE Florida concerning Interconnection Rates, Terms and Conditions, Pursuant to the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996

Docket No. 961173-TP

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SPRINT COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP'S
NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF DIRECT TESTIMONY OF
TONY H. KEY BY MICHAEL R. HUNSUCKER

Sprint Communications Company Limited Partnership ("Sprint"), by and through its undersigned counsel, gives notice that witness Michael R. Hunsucker will adopt the prefiled direct testimony of Tony H. Key submitted by Sprint in this docket. Attached to this notice are substitute pages 1, 2 and 3 of the direct testimony to make the direct testimony that of Mr. Hunsucker.

DATED this 21ST day of November, 1996.

Respectfully submitted,



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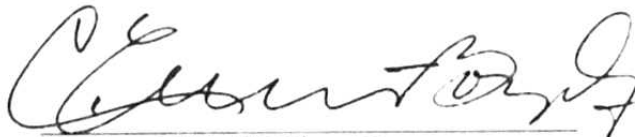
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I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true copy of the foregoing has been furnished by hand delivery and Federal Express on this 21st day of November 1996, to the following:

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Direct Testimony of Michael R. Hunsucker

on Behalf of

**Sprint Communications Company
Limited Partnership**

1 **Q. Have you testified previously before state regulatory commissions?**

2 A. I have testified before the South Carolina Public Service Commission and the Pennsylvania Public
3 Utility Company.

4 **Q. What is the purpose and scope of your testimony?**

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6 A. I am presenting testimony in support of Sprint Communications Company Limited Partnership's
7 ("Sprint") request for arbitration of proposed interconnection agreement with GTE Florida
8 Incorporated ("GTE"). The Telecommunications Act of 1996 ("the Act") directs companies like
9 Sprint that desire to enter the local exchange service market as new entrants - so called
10 competitive local exchange companies ("CLECs") - to undertake contract negotiations with
11 incumbent local exchange companies ("ILECs"). If the CLEC and ILEC are not successful in
12 concluding contract negotiations under Sections 251 and 252 of the Act, either party may
13 exercise its right to request arbitration by the state regulatory body that regulates
14 telecommunications.

15 Sprint has undertaken negotiations pursuant to Sections 251 and 252 of the Act. Sprint and GTE
16 have failed to reach agreement on several crucial contract requirements. Sprint is thus exercising
17 its rights under the Act and is seeking arbitration of the contract negotiation disputes that
18 remain between the parties.

19 My testimony covers general policy matters, the need for operational parity between GTE and
20 Sprint, and most favored nation rights to rates, terms and conditions contained in any GTE
21 contract or tariff, branding issues, network interconnection, access to unbundled network
22 elements, and electronic system interface requirements between Sprint and GTE. David Stahly
23 also presents testimony concerning cost and price issues and requirements.

24 **Q. Has Sprint attempted to negotiate a contract with GTE?**