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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Investigation into)
Pricing of unbundled network)
Elements)

Docket No. 990649-TP
Filed: June 1, 2000

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

Sprint-Florida, Incorporated and Sprint Communications Company Limited Partnership (Sprint) hereby request 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 any appropriate protective order reflecting such a decision. The information that is the subject of this request is highly sensitive contract information .

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

1. Response to Staff's Fourth Request for Production of Documents, No. 16, consisting of four vendor contacts for switching equipment.

2. One unredacted copy of the documents has been submitted to the Division of Records and Reporting under seal this same day. Because the documents are confidential in their entirety, no redacted copy is being filed.

3. The confidential information is not identified by yellow highlighting since each document is confidential in its entirety. The information for which the Request is submitted is vendor-specific pricing information (or information from which such information can be derived), trade secret and other highly proprietary contractual, competitive or valuable information and thus meets the definition of confidential proprietary

This confidentiality request was filed by or for a "telco" for DN ~~06703-00~~ No ruling is required unless the material is subject to a request per 119.07, FS, or is admitted in the record per Rule 25-22.006(8)(b), FAC.

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business information pursuant to Section 364.183(3)(a)(d) & (e), Florida Statutes. 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.

4. 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 and Sprint is required by contract to keep certain of the information confidential. Furthermore, release of the information could impair the efforts of the company or its affiliates to contract for goods or services on favorable terms, thus causing harm to the company's business operations.

6. The commission has found similar information to be confidential. See, Order No. PSC-98-0935-CFO-TP, Issued July 10, 1998; In *re: Petition by Metropolitan Fiber Systems of Florida, Inc. for arbitration with BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. concerning interconnection rates, terms, and conditions, pursuant to the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996.* Docket No. 960757-TP.

Based on the foregoing, Sprint respectfully requests that the Commission grant the request for Confidential Classification, exempt the information from disclosure under Chapter 119, Florida Statutes and issue any appropriate protective order, protecting the information from disclosure while it is maintained at the Commission.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 1st day of June 2000.



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