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Re: Docket No. 000828-TP; Petition of Sprint Communications Company L.P.
for Arbitration with BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. Pursuant to Section
252(b) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

Dear Ms. Bayó:

Enclosed for filing on behalf of Sprint are the original and fifteen (15) copies of pages 2 and 3 and the signature page (39) of Petition of Sprint Communications Company L.P. for Arbitration with BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. Pursuant to Section 252(b) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. These pages were inadvertently omitted in the filing. Pages 2 and 3 were stuck in the copier and a signed signature page was overlooked. No change in the Petition will be occasioned by inclusion of these pages. Please insert these pages as pages 2, 3 and 39 in your file copies.

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Sincerely,

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in the Act. Further, Sprint is certificated to provide competing local exchange service in Florida.²

Sprint's business address is 7301 College Boulevard, Overland Park, Kansas 66210.

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2.

BellSouth is a corporation organized and formed under the laws of the State of Georgia, maintaining its principal place of business in Florida at 150 West Flagler Street, Suite 1910, Miami, Florida 33130. BellSouth is an incumbent local exchange carrier ("ILEC") in Florida as defined under Section 251(h) of the Act, 47 U.S.C. 251(h).

JURISDICTION AND TIMELINESS

3.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this Petition pursuant to Section 252(b)(1) of the Act, wherein Congress created an arbitration procedure for requesting

² Sprint Communications Company L.P., ALEC Certificate No. 4732.

telecommunications carriers and ILECs to obtain an interconnection agreement through “compulsory arbitration” by petitioning a “State commission to arbitrate any open issues” unresolved by negotiation under Section 252(a) of the Act. In accord with this procedure, either party to an interconnection negotiation may petition a State commission for arbitration “during the period from the 135th to the 160th day (inclusive) after the date on which an incumbent local exchange carrier receives a request for negotiation . . .”

4.

The window for arbitration of this matter opened on June 15, 2000, and will close on July 10, 2000. A copy of the parties’ correspondence stipulating to this timeframe is attached as Exhibit “A”. Accordingly, this Petition is timely filed.

NEGOTIATIONS

5.

Sprint is currently engaged in ongoing negotiations with BellSouth in a good faith effort to enter into an agreement that would allow Sprint to interconnect with BellSouth, resell BellSouth’s retail service offerings by purchasing BellSouth’s retail services at wholesale prices, and purchase and provision on an unbundled element-by-element basis, the features and functions that comprise local exchange service. Since the first face-to-face negotiations in October 1999, the parties have met for at least ten separate face-to-face negotiation sessions, five of which lasted for more than one day. In addition, the parties have held many extensive telephonic negotiation sessions in an effort to reach agreement. Nevertheless, there remain several issues for which the parties have not been able to reach an agreement.

6.

At the outset of negotiations, Sprint agreed to use the BellSouth interconnection agreement template as the starting point for negotiations on each of the contract sections. Further, BellSouth agreed at the outset of negotiations to be the keeper of the official draft interconnection Agreement between the parties. During the course of negotiations,

Respectfully submitted this 10th day of July 2000.



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that U.S. Mail or hand-delivery served a true and correct copy of the foregoing this 11th day of July 2000 to the following:

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