

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition of Sprint Communications) Docket No. 010795-TP
Company Limited Partnership for)
Arbitration with Verizon Florida, Inc. f/k/a)
GTE Florida, Incorporated, Pursuant to) Filed: September 4, 2001
Section 252(b) of the Telecommunications)
Act of 1996.)
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REQUEST FOR ORAL ARGUMENT

Pursuant to Rules 25-22.058 and 28-106.204, F.A.C., Sprint Communications Company Limited Partnership (“Sprint”) files this Request for Oral Argument on its Motion to Join Verizon Advanced Data, Inc. (“VADI”) as a Party and to Amend Tentative Issues List.

Sprint has requested oral argument because to Sprint’s knowledge the issue of joining an ILEC- affiliate as a party to an arbitration proceeding is an issue of first impression in Florida. The issue Sprint is asking this Commission, through the Prehearing Officer, to address in its Motion, that is, to determine VADI’s status in the arbitration and its obligations under the interconnection agreement that is the subject of the arbitration, is a fundamental one that goes to the heart of the availability of competitive services in Verizon’s territory in Florida. Sprint believes oral argument is necessary to assist in understanding the important factual and legal questions that must be answered in making a fully informed decision on Sprint’s Motion.

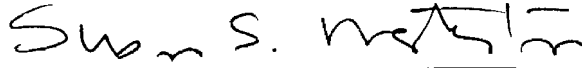
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WHEREFORE, Sprint asks that its Request for Oral Argument be granted.

Respectfully Submitted,



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