

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition by Sprint
Communications Company Limited
Partnership for arbitration with
Verizon Florida Inc. pursuant to
Section 251/252 of the
Telecommunications Act of 1996.

DOCKET NO. 010795-TP
ORDER NO. PSC-03-0229-PCO-TP
ISSUED: February 18, 2003

ORDER GRANTING JOINT MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

On June 1, 2001, Sprint Communications Company Limited Partnership (Sprint) petitioned the Commission to arbitrate certain unresolved terms and conditions of a proposed renewal of the current interconnection agreement between Sprint and Verizon Florida, Inc. f/k/a GTE Florida, Incorporated (Verizon). Verizon responded to Sprint's petition on July 3, 2001.

An administrative hearing was held on January 17, 2002. By Order No. PSC-03-0048-FOF-TP, issued January 7, 2003, the Commission rendered its final decision on arbitration. By that Order, we required the parties to submit an executed, final interconnection agreement (final agreement) compliant with our decisions within 30 days of the issuance of the Order. The final agreement was due on February 6, 2003.

On February 5, 2003, the parties filed a Joint Motion for Extension of Time requesting an additional eight (8) days to submit the final agreement. The Motion was granted by Order No. PSC-03-0212-PCO-TP, issued February 12, 2003, and set February 14, 2003 as the new due date for submission of the final agreement.

On February 13, 2003, the parties filed a Second Joint Motion for Extension of Time requesting an additional fourteen (14) days to file the final agreement. In support of the Motion the parties state they continue to work together to finalize the agreement, but need additional time to negotiate the final agreement.

Since the requested extension of time is agreed upon by the parties it appears reasonable and appropriate to extend the final agreement due date as requested. Accordingly, the due date for filing a final agreement is extended until February 28, 2003.

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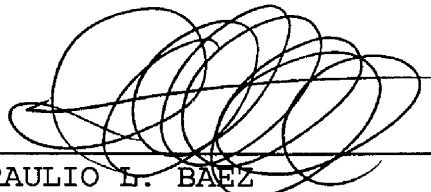
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Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by Commissioner Braulio L. Baez, as Prehearing Officer, that the Second Joint Motion for Extension of Time is granted. The date for filing an executed, final interconnection agreement is hereby extended until February 28, 2003.

By ORDER of Commissioner Braulio L. Baez, as Prehearing Officer, this 18th day of February, 2003.



BRAULIO L. BAEZ
Commissioner and Prehearing Officer

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NOTICE OF FURTHER PROCEEDINGS OR JUDICIAL REVIEW

The Florida Public Service Commission is required by Section 120.569(1), Florida Statutes, to notify parties of any administrative hearing or judicial review of Commission orders that is available under Sections 120.57 or 120.68, Florida Statutes, as well as the procedures and time limits that apply. This notice should not be construed to mean all requests for an administrative hearing or judicial review will be granted or result in the relief sought.

Mediation may be available on a case-by-case basis. If mediation is conducted, it does not affect a substantially interested person's right to a hearing.

Any party adversely affected by this order, which is preliminary, procedural or intermediate in nature, may request: (1)

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reconsideration within 10 days pursuant to Rule 25-22.0376, Florida Administrative Code, if issued by a Prehearing Officer; or (2) judicial review by the Florida Supreme Court, in the case of an electric, gas or telephone utility, or the First District Court of Appeal, in the case of a water or wastewater utility. A motion for reconsideration shall be filed with the Director, Division of the Commission Clerk and Administrative Services, in the form prescribed by Rule 25-22.060, Florida Administrative Code. Judicial review of a preliminary, procedural or intermediate ruling or order is available if review of the final action will not provide an adequate remedy. Such review may be requested from the appropriate court, as described above, pursuant to Rule 9.100, Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure.