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Ms. Blanca Bayó
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RE: Docket No. 030296, AT&T/Sprint Arbitration

Dear Ms. Bayó:

On March 24, 2003, AT&T filed a Petition for Arbitration with Sprint-Florida, Incorporated. The parties agreed that negotiations began between them on October 16, 2002. Consequently, pursuant to the Telecommunications Act of 1996, the Commission is required to render a decision in the arbitration by about July 13, 2003.

Staff has requested that the parties agree to waive the applicable statutory timeframe to accommodate the Commission's hearing schedule. By this letter, Sprint states that it does not object to an extension of the statutory deadline, with the understanding that the Commission will establish a schedule that allows the arbitration to move forward as expeditiously as possible within the Commission's scheduling constraints.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Susan S. Masterton

Cc: Linda Dodson, Esq.
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