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MEMORANDUM

MARCH 6, 1997

TO: DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF RECORDS AND REPORTING

FROM: DIVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES (BARONE) *MSB RMT*
DIVISION OF COMMUNICATIONS (GREER) *5/6*

RE: DOCKET NO. 961150-TP - PETITION BY SPRINT COMMUNICATIONS
COMPANY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP D/B/A SPRINT FOR ARBITRATION
WITH BELL SOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC. CONCERNING
INTERCONNECTION RATES, TERMS, AND CONDITIONS, PURSUANT TO
THE FEDERAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996

AGENDA: MARCH 18, 1997 - REGULAR AGENDA - PARTIES DID NOT REQUEST
ORAL ARGUMENT; THEREFORE, PARTICIPATION IS LIMITED TO
COMMISSIONERS AND STAFF

CRITICAL DATES: NONE

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: I:\PSC\LEG\WP\961150-1.RCM

CASE BACKGROUND

On February 3, 1997, the Commission issued its Final Order on Arbitration in this docket. See Order No. PSC-97-0122-FOF-TP. The Order required the companies to submit an agreement memorializing and implementing the Commission's decisions in that Order within 30 days of the date of the Order. The agreement was, therefore, due on March 5, 1997. On February 28, 1997, Sprint Communications Company Limited Partnership (Sprint) filed a Motion for Extension of time to file the written agreement. By letter dated March 5, 1997, Sprint notified the Commission that BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. (BellSouth) did not object to the Motion for Extension of Time.

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DISCUSSION OF ISSUES

ISSUE 1: Should the Commission grant Sprint's Motion for Extension of Time?

RECOMMENDATION: Yes. The Commission should grant Sprint's Motion for Extension of Time.

STAFF ANALYSIS: On February 3, 1997, the Commission issued its Final Order on Arbitration in this docket. See Order No. PSC-97-0122-FOF-TP. The Order required the companies to submit an agreement memorializing and implementing the Commission's decisions in that Order within 30 days of the date of the Order. The agreement was, therefore, due on March 5, 1997. On February 28, 1997, Sprint filed a Motion for Extension of time to file the written agreement. Specifically, Sprint requests that the Commission issue an Order extending the due date until March 31, 1997. By letter dated March 5, 1997, Sprint notified the Commission that BellSouth did not object to the Motion for Extension of Time.

In support of its Motion, Sprint states that the parties are still negotiating the language with respect to implementing the remaining issues. Further, the parties will be unable to finalize an agreement prior to the Commission's decision on BellSouth's Petition for Reconsideration in this docket. Therefore, Sprint requests that the Commission issue an Order extending the due date for the submission of an agreement, memorializing and implementing the Commission's decision, to March 31, 1997.

Staff recommends that the Commission grant Sprint's Motion for Extension of Time. Since both parties have agreed to the extension, staff does not believe either party will be prejudiced by this brief delay.

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ISSUE 2: Should this docket be closed?

RECOMMENDATION: No. This docket should remain open until the parties have filed their signed arbitration agreement.

STAFF ANALYSIS: No. This docket should remain open until the parties have filed their signed arbitration agreement.