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Ms. Blanca S. Bayo, Director Division of Records and Reporting Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

Re: Docket No. 990649-TP

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed for filing in the above docket are the original and fifteen (15) copies of Sprint's Response to BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.'s Motion to Include Issues In Issues List.

Please acknowledge receipt and filing of the above by stamping the duplicate copy of this letter and returning the same to this writer.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Investigation into pricing of unbundled network elements

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SPRINT'S RESPONSE TO BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.'S MOTION TO INCLUDE ISSUES IN ISSUES LIST

Sprint-Florida, Incorporated and Sprint Communications Company, Limited Partnership (collectively "Sprint") hereby respond to the Motion of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") to Include Issues in Issue List ("Motion"), stating as follows:

1. This docket is a generic proceeding to establish the recurring prices and non-recurring charges (both averaged and deaveraged) for a FCC-mandated list of unbundled network elements ("UNEs") and UNE combinations. <u>See</u> FCC Third Report and Order, FCC 99-238, CC Docket No. 96-98, released November 5, 1999. Although the FCC's Third Report and Order does not address collocation, it is clear that collocation is an element that needs to be provided to new entrants in accordance with the 1996 Federal Act and the FCC's rules. See FCC Rules §§ 51.321-323.

2. The Commission has recently completed hearings on collocation issues, but has yet to issue its order. From Sprint-Florida's standpoint, the appropriate manner in which to comply with the 1996 Federal Act and the FCC's rules is by filing a DOCUMENT NUMBER-DATE

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Florida-specific intrastate collocation tariff which includes the requisite terms, conditions and prices. Sprint-Florida has filed such a tariff. However, it would serve no purpose for Sprint-Florida to cost and price new collocation arrangements until the Commission sets the policy for such arrangements. At this time, Sprint-Florida has had no requests for such new collocation arrangements. In the meantime, if the Commission agrees to allow the inclusion of BellSouth's collocation issues in this proceeding, Sprint-Florida should be exempted from having to respond to these BellSouth issues. Moreover, the Commission should not in that event set collocation prices for Sprint-Florida in this proceeding. Sprint will revise its tariff once the Commission sets the policy.

3. From Sprint Communications Company, Limited Partnership's standpoint, the Commission should promptly establish the terms, conditions and prices of collocation applicable to BellSouth. In fact, Sprint Communications Company, Limited Partnership is not opposed to including those issues in this proceeding. However, if the Commission elects to grant BellSouth's Motion, Sprint Communications Company, Limited Partnership would urge the Commission to set the BellSouth collocation issues as separate issues with applicability only to BellSouth. Any incumbent local exchange company with an approved

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collocation tariff on file with this Commission, such as Sprint-Florida, should be exempt from having to respond to the BellSouthspecific issues or run the risk of having new prices imposed in this proceeding.

DATED this 16th day of February, 2000.

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