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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

> Docket No. 991377-TL Sprint-Florida, Incorporated Re: **loint Motion for Continuance**

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed for filing is the original and seven (7) copies of Sprint's and the Office of Public Counsel's Joint Motion for Continuance.

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

Sincerely,

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Initiation of show cause proceedings against Sprint-Florida, Incorporated for violations of service standards.

Docket No. 991377-TL

Filed: June 7, 2000

Joint Motion for Continuance

Sprint-Florida, Incorporated (Sprint or the Company) and the Office of the Public Counsel (OPC or Citizens) (hereinafter the Parties) file this Joint Motion requesting that Order Nos. PSC-00-0869-PCO-TL, PSC-00-1020-PCO-TL and PSC-00-1055-PCO-TL be modified to allow for a continuance of the hearing and other controlling dates in this Docket. In support the Parties state as follows:

Order No. PSC-00-0869-PCO-TL was issued on May 2, 2000 establishing the controlling dates for this hearing including testimony and hearing dates. On May 17, 2000, the parties filed a joint motion seeking modification of the Staff's testimony date. That motion was granted by Order No. PSC-00-1020-PCO-TL. On June 2, 2000 the testimony dates were further modified by Order No. PSC-00-1055-PCO-TL. The purpose of the testimony extensions was to give the Parties an opportunity to resolve the issues in this case.

While the Parties continue to work diligently toward a resolution, it appears that more time will be needed and beneficial. Sprint and OPC thus ask the Commission to continue the hearing and to suspend all testimony filing dates and other controlling dates pending establishment of new hearing dates. At this time, the Parties believe that their limited resources are best directed to resolving their differences, rather than on preparing for litigation that may not be necessary. Given adequate time, Sprint and OPC hope to achieve a solution that best benefits the public, without the time and expense of a hearing.

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For these reasons, Sprint and OPC ask that the Commission suspend the filing of all remaining testimony in this case and hold a scheduling conference to consider new hearing dates.

Wherefore, for the above stated reasons, the Parties jointly request that a continuance in the hearing be granted, that testimony dates be suspended and that Order Nos. PSC-00-0869-PCO-TL, PSC-00-1020-PCO-TL and PSC-00-1055-PCO-TL be modified accordingly.

Respectfully Submitted this 7th Day of June, 2000.

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served by U.S. Mail or hand-delivery this 7th day of June, 2000 to the following:

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