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June 15, 2005

Ms. Beth Salak Director, Division of Competitive Markets and Enforcement Attention: Tariff Section Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

RE: **TL727** 

Dear Ms. Salak:

Attached for filing, please find the following revised pages for the Sprint-Florida, Incorporated General Exchange Tariff. This filing is submitted with a proposed effective date of July 1, 2005. Sprint's tariffs are available on its website at <u>www.sprint.com/tariffs</u>.

Section A3 Twelfth Revised Sheet 59

The purpose of this filing is to implement an increase by the Federal Communications Commission of the Interstate Subscriber Line Charge associated with the Federal Lifeline Assistance Program. This filing is being made in accordance with the Federal Communications Commission's Rules and Regulations, Part 69.

Commission consideration and timely approval of these pages are respectfully requested. If you have any questions or need additional information regarding this filing, please call Nancy Schnitzer at (850) 599-1276.

Sincerely,

Mary L. Matthews

cc: Nancy Schnitzer Attachments FL05-52

## SPRINT-FLORIDA, INCORPORATED

By: F. B. Poag Director SECTION A3 Twelfth Revised Sheet 59 Cancelling Eleventh Revised Sheet 59 Effective:

## BASIC LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE

- J. LIFELINE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
  - 1. General
    - a. The Interstate Subscriber Line Charge Waiver and Matching Program adopted by the Florida Public Service Commission is a Lifeline Assistance Program and provides for a federal credit equal to 100% of the Interstate Subscriber Line Charge (SLC) of \$6.50 as shown in Sprint Local Telephone Companies FCC No. 3, Section 4, an equivalent Company provided subsidy of \$3.50, plus an additional federal reduction of \$3.50 for a total credit of up to \$13.50 per month. Effective October 1, 2000, eligible applicants living on federally recognized Native American reservations will receive an additional credit of up to \$25.00 sufficient to reduce the monthly rate for local service to no less than \$1.00 inclusive of the subscriber line charge.
    - b. The federal and Company credits are applied to the local service bills for qualified residential recipients of public assistance who apply for the credits and authorize agency verification of their participation in at least one of the following programs: Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), Medicaid, Supplementary Security Income (SSI), food stamps, Federal Public Housing Assistance (Section 8), and Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP).
    - c. An applicant living on federally recognized Native American reservations is eligible for additional credit as outlined in J.1.a. preceding, if he/she is currently a recipient of benefits from one of the following assistance programs: Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), Medicaid, Supplementary Security Income (SSI), food stamps, Federal Public Housing Assistance (Section 8), Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), Federal Public Housing Assistance, Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) General Assistance, Tribally Administered Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, Head Start (only for those meeting its income qualifying standard) and National School Lunch Program (free meals program only).
    - d. Additionally, customers not receiving benefits under one of the preceding programs, and whose total gross annual income does not exceed 125% of the federal poverty guidelines, meet the requirements of a State established means test and may apply directly to the Office of Public Counsel (OPC) for eligibility certification.
    - e. Lifeline Assistance is available for one telephone line per residence, at the customer's principle place of residence.

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