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COMMENTS INVITED ON SPRINT COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY L.P.
APPLICATION TO DISCONTINUE DOMESTIC TELECOMMUNICATIONS
SERVICES

NSD File No. W-P-D-544

Comments Due: December 27, 2001

Section 214 Application

Applicant: Sprint Communications Company L.P.

On **December 3, 2001**, **Sprint Communications Company L.P.** (Sprint or Applicant), located at **6360 Sprint Parkway, Overland Park, KS 66251**, filed an application with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission), requesting authority under section 214(a) of the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. § 214(a), and section 63.71 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.71, to discontinue its domestic telecommunications services.

The application indicates that Sprint seeks to discontinue its provision of resold local service to its residential customers in the state of California. Applicant explains that it will continue to offer long distance service (both intraLATA and interLATA) to its California customers, but it will no longer provide them with local service. The application states that Sprint received approval from the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to discontinue providing resold local service in that state. According to Applicant, the CPUC granted Sprint discontinuance approval on or about November 16, 2001.

Sprint states that in March, 2001, it provided written notification to its customers of its request to the CPUC for discontinuance approval. Furthermore, Applicant explains that on or about November 16, 2001, it notified its customers that the CPUC had granted it discontinuance approval, and reminded them to select a new local service provider by December 31, 2001.¹ On or about December 3, 2001, Sprint states that

¹Sprint also states that it informed its customers that if they fail to select a new local service carrier by December 31, 2001, and if they are in good credit standing with the incumbent local exchange carrier (ILEC) serving their area (either Pacific Bell or Verizon), their local service would automatically be transferred to the ILEC. Otherwise, service would be cancelled. Sprint states that the transfer/termination is set to begin January 7, 2002.

it sent a final letter to its customers reminding them of the need to switch to a new local service provider by December 31, 2001, and provided them with proper notice, as required by Commission rules.²

In accordance with 47 C.F.R. § 63.71(c), the application will be deemed to be automatically granted on the thirty-first (31st) day after the release date of this notice, unless the Commission has notified Applicant that the grant will not be automatically effective. The FCC will normally authorize proposed discontinuances of service unless it is shown that customers or other end users would be unable to receive service or a reasonable substitute from another carrier, or that the public convenience and necessity is otherwise adversely affected.

This proceeding is considered a "permit but disclose" proceeding for purposes of the Commission's *ex parte* rules.³ Comments objecting to this application must be filed with the Commission by **December 27, 2001**. Such comments should refer to application file number **W-P-D-544**. Comments should include specific information about the impact of this proposed discontinuance on the commenter, including any inability to acquire reasonable substitute service. Comments should be sent to the Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, SW, Room TW-A325, Washington, DC 20554. Two (2) copies of the comments should also be sent to the Network Services Division, Common Carrier Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, SW, Room 6-A207, Washington, DC 20554, Attention: Carmell Weathers. All comments should also be faxed to the FCC at (202) 418-2345, Attention: Jon Minkoff. Comments should be served upon Applicant.

The application will be available for review and copying during regular business hours at the FCC Reference Center, Portals II, 445 12th Street, SW, Room CY-A257, Washington, DC 20554, (202) 418-0270. A copy of the application may also be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, Qualex International, Portals II, 445 12th Street, SW, Room CY-B402, Washington, DC, 20554, telephone 202-863-2893, facsimile 202-863-2898, or via e-mail at **qualexint@aol.com**.

For further information, contact Carmell Weathers, (202) 418-2325 (voice), cweather@fcc.gov, or Jon Minkoff (202) 418-2353 (voice), jminkoff@fcc.gov, of the Network Services Division, Common Carrier Bureau. The TTY number is (202) 418-0484. For further information on procedures regarding Section 214 please visit the Network Services Division web site at: <http://www.fcc.gov/ccb/nsd/documents/214.html>.

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² See 47 C.F.R. § 63.71(a)(5)(i).

³ See generally 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200 - 1.1216.