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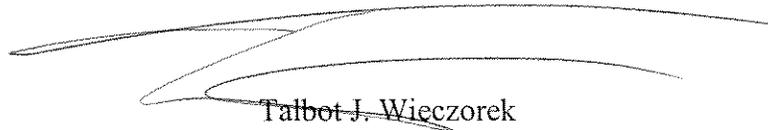
RE: Petition of ITC for Suspension of Modification of Section
251(b)(2) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended
TC08-024

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Enclosed for filing please find the Sprint's Response to ITC's Opposition to Sprint's Intervention in the above-entitled matter. By copy of same, all parties have been served electronically.

If you have any questions, please call me.

Sincerely,



Talbot J. Wieczorek

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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

In the Matter of the Petition of Interstate)
Telecommunications, Cooperative, Inc.,) DOCKET TC 08-024
for Suspension or)
Modification of Section 251(b)(2) of the)
Communications Act of 1934,)
as amended)

SPRINT’S RESPONSE TO ITC’s OPPOSITION TO SPRINT’S INTERVENTION

Interstate Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc. (hereinafter “ITC”) filed a Suspension proceeding on February 8, 2008. One of the obligations sought to be suspended was ITC’s obligation to provide local number portability (LNP) to interconnected voice over internet protocol (VoIP) providers. Because Sprint Communications Company, LP (hereinafter “Sprint”) has pending various matters in front of the Commission, specifically a request to provide competitive local exchange services in the ITC service area (TC06-178) and a petition for arbitration with ITC (TC06-176) and, Sprint’s partner in the joint provisioning of service using a fixed interconnection VoIP component, Mediacom, has pending in front of this Commission a request to provide competitive local exchange services in ITC’s area (TC06-188), Sprint sought intervention.

ITC has now filed an Opposition to Sprint’s intervention in this proceeding, claiming that while Sprint will be using a fixed interconnected VoIP component to provide service because Sprint is a telecommunications carrier, this proceeding does not somehow impact it. Sprint disagrees with this position as set forth by ITC. Clearly, ITC’s petition for suspension or modification seeks to modify or suspend Swiftel’s obligations to interconnected VoIP services.

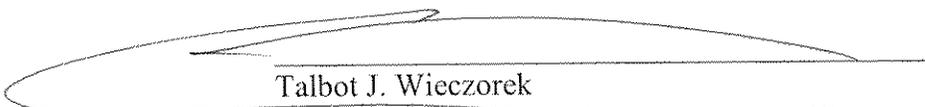
Such an outcome would directly impact Sprint's ability to offer the competitive services it seeks to offer pursuant to the business model that Sprint has utilized in multiple jurisdictions.

WHEREFORE, print's motion to intervene must be granted under A.R.S.D.

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Dated this 24 day of March, 2008.

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