BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF SPRINT COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY L.P. FOR AN AMENDED CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE LOCAL EXCHANGE ACCESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA

) ORDER FOR CONTINUANCE OF) HEARING

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On August 23, 1996, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an application from Sprint Communications Company L.P. (Sprint) for an Amended Certificate of Authority to provide local exchange and exchange access services within the state of South Dakota. Sprint intends to provide local exchange service that will meet all of the currently lawful requirements for such service, including switched-based custom calling and class features such as call waiting, call forwarding, three-way calling, speed calling, call hold and Caller ID - name and number. Basic business exchange service offerings will include local exchange service lines, PBX trunk lines, direct inward dialing lines/trunks, ISDN lines, Centrex lines and private lines. Business custom calling and class features include hunting, call hold, variable call forwarding, call waiting, Caller ID - name and number, three way calling and speed calling. Sprint currently has a Certificate of Authority to provide resold intrastate long distance service.

The Commission issued an Order for and Notice of Procedural Schedule on October 29, 1996, setting forth the dates for the filing of testimony and a hearing date. On November 1, 1996, the Commission received a letter from Sprint requesting that the hearing in the above captioned matter be rescheduled until a later date. Sprint also stated that it would not commence the provisioning of local exchange services or exchange access services until the Commission has had an opportunity to take action on the application. It is therefore

ORDERED that the filing of testimony and the hearing shall be continued until further notice.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 8th day of November, 1996.

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WILLIAM BULLARD, JR.

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

Executive Director

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