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GALLATIN RIVER COMMUNICATIONS L.L.C.
AND SPRINT SPECTRUM L.P.

Joint Petition for Approval of Negotiated
Interconnection and Reciprocal Compensation
Agreement effective September 1, 2000
pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252

NO. 00 NA 0656

**JOINT PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF NEGOTIATED
INTERCONNECTION AND RECIPROCAL COMPENSATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN
GALLATIN RIVER COMMUNICATIONS L. L. C. AND
NCPR, INC. (dba Nextel Partners)**

Gallatin River Communications L.L.C. ("Gallatin") and Sprint Spectrum L.P. ("Sprint") through counsel, hereby request that the Commission review and approve the attached Interconnection Agreement effective August 1, 2000 pursuant to Sections 252(a)(1) and 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, 47 U.S.C. §§ 252 (a)(1) and 252(e), (the "Act"). In support of their request, the parties state as follows:

1. Petitioners Gallatin and Sprint are each a telecommunications carrier within the meaning of Section 13-202 of the Universal Telephone Service Protection Act of 1985, 220 ILCS 5/13-100, et seq., and each is authorized to provide telecommunications service to customers in Illinois.

2. The Agreement was arrived at through good faith negotiations between the parties as contemplated by Section 252(a) of the Act and provides for the interconnection of their networks for the transmission and termination of call on each other's networks.

3. Section 252(e)(2) of the Act provides the basis for rejection of a negotiated Agreement: (1) the Agreement discriminates against another carrier or (2) implementation of a negotiated Agreement would not be consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity. Neither basis for rejection is present here.

4. As set forth in the attached Verified Statement of Trey Judy, Gallatin will make the Agreement available to any other telecommunications carrier operating within its territory. Other carriers are also free to negotiate their own terms and conditions pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Act. For this reason, the Agreement is not discriminatory.

5. In addition, the Verified Statement of Trey Judy demonstrates that implementation of the Agreement is consistent with the public interest because it will promote competition and enhance the ability of Sprint to provide Illinois telecommunications users with a competitive alternative for telephone services.

6. In accordance with Section 252(e)(4) of the Act, the Agreement will be deemed approved if the Commission does not act to approve or reject the Agreement within 90 days from the date of this submission.

7. Copies of the Agreement are available for public inspection in Gallatin's public offices.

WHEREFORE, Gallatin and Sprint respectfully request that the Commission approve the attached interconnection Agreement under Section 252(e) of the Act as expeditiously as possible.

Respectfully submitted this 4th day of October, 2000

GALLATIN RIVER COMMUNICATIONS L.L.C.

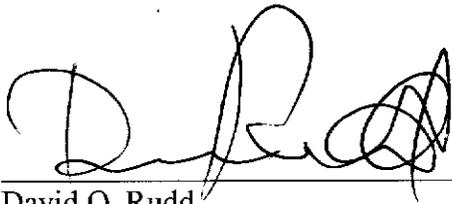
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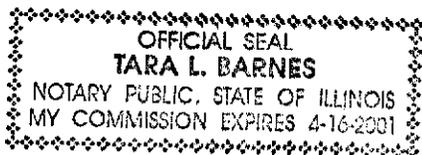
STATE OF ILLINOIS)
) ss.
COUNTY OF)

David O. Rudd, being first duly sworn, deposes and states that he is an attorney for Gallatin River Communications L.L.C. and that he is authorized by Gallatin River Communications L.L.C. to make this verification; that he has read the above and foregoing Joint Petition for Approval of a Negotiated Interconnection and Reciprocal Compensation Agreement and knows the contents thereof; and that said contents are true to the best of his knowledge, information, and belief.



David O. Rudd

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a notary public for the State of Illinois this 4th day of October, 2000.





Notary Public

My commission expires:

4-16-2001

STATE OF Missouri)
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COUNTY OF Tackson) ss.

Elizabeth McJimsey being first duly sworn, deposes and states that she is an attorney for
Sprint Spectrum L.P. and that she is authorized by Sprint Spectrum L.P.

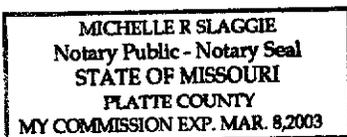
to make this verification; that he has read the above and foregoing Joint Petition for Approval of a Negotiated Interconnection and Reciprocal Compensation Agreement and knows the contents thereof; and that said contents are true to the best of his knowledge, information, and belief.

Elizabeth McJimsey
ELIZABETH MCJIMSEY

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a notary public for the State of Missouri this
27th day of September, 2000.

Michelle R. Slaggie
Notary Public

My commission expires:



STATE OF ILLINOIS
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STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF JOINT PETITION FOR APPROVAL

I, Trey Judy, am Director of Regulatory Affairs for Gallatin River Communications L.L.C. (“Gallatin”) and submit this Statement in Support of the Joint Petition for Approval of a Negotiated Interconnection Agreement between Gallatin and Sprint Spectrum L.P. (“Sprint”).

The attached Interconnection Agreement (“the Agreement”) between Gallatin and Sprint was reached through voluntary negotiations between the parties. Accordingly, Gallatin and Sprint request approval pursuant to Sections 252(a) (1) and 252(e) of the Telecommunication Act of 1996 (sometimes referred to as the “Act”).

In accordance with Sections 251 and 252 of the Act, the parties engaged in good faith negotiations and an agreement became effective on August 1, 2000. The Agreement has an initial term that lasts until July 31, 2001, and continues in force and effect on a month-to-month basis until and unless terminated by one of the parties pursuant to the terms of the Agreement.

The key provisions of the Agreement are summarized as follows:

Description of Services and Rates

The Agreement specifies the rights and obligations of the parties with respect to the establishment of rates, terms and conditions for interconnection with each party's networks. The Agreement is divided into several parts. Part A sets forth the definition of various terms used in the Agreement. Part B contains the general terms and conditions of the Agreement. Part C contains terms relating to interconnection and reciprocal compensation. Part D sets forth network maintenance and management provisions. Part E sets forth provisions relating to access to telephone numbers. Attachment 1 is a price list.

The Agreement addresses the exchange of traffic between Gallatin and Sprint. The interconnection services covered by this Agreement are for wireless interconnection only in association with CMRS services. Sprint will bill Gallatin the same rates as Gallatin charges Sprint for local traffic terminating on its network. Quality of service will be provided at parity with that provided by Gallatin for its own services. Additional services, beyond those specified in the Agreement, requested by either party will be incorporated into the Agreement by written amendment thereto.

This Agreement allows for interconnection at any one or more technologically feasible Points of Interconnection ("POI") within Gallatin's network. Gallatin agrees to provide collocation space in its facilities subject to the provisions of the Agreement. Gallatin will provide intermediary tandem switching and transport services for Sprint connection of its end-users to others.

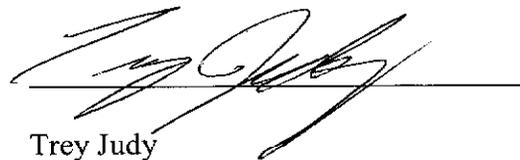
The Agreement addresses audits and dispute resolution. The Agreement is governed by the Act, orders of the Illinois Commerce Commission and the FCC's rules and regulations. The rates are specified in Attachment 1.

Gallatin will make the Agreement available to any other CMRS telecommunications carrier operating within its territory. Other carriers are also free to negotiate their own terms and conditions pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Act. For this reason, the Agreement is not discriminatory.

Approval and implementation of this Agreement is consistent with the public interest because it will promote competition and enhance the ability of Sprint to provide Illinois telecommunications users with a competitive alternative for telecommunications services.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA)
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COUNTY OF ALAMANCE) ss.

Trey Judy, being first duly sworn, deposes and states that he is Director of Regulatory Affairs and that he is authorized by Gallatin River Communications L.L.C. to make this verification; that he has read the above and foregoing Statement in Support of Joint Petition for Approval and knows the contents thereof; and that said contents are true to the best of his knowledge, information, and belief.



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Subscribed and sworn to before me, a notary public for the State of NORTH CAROLINA this
18th day of SEPTEMBER, 2000.



Notary Public

My commission expires:

11-24-2004