

**STATE OF ILLINOIS
ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION**

GLASFORD TELEPHONE COMPANY (GLASFORD))
and)
SPRINT COMMUNICATIONS L.P. d/b/a SPRINT COMMUNICATIONS)
COMPANY L.P.) **06-0640**
)
Joint Petition for Approval of Negotiated Interconnection Agreement)
dated pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252)

VERIFIED STATEMENT OF A. OLUSANJO OMONIYI

My name is A. Olusanjo Omoniyi and I am employed by the Illinois Commerce Commission as a Policy Analyst in the Telecommunications Division. I graduated from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Cinema & Photography and Bachelor of Science degree in Radio-Television in 1987. In 1990, I obtained a Master of Arts degree in Telecommunications and a Juris Doctor in 1994 also from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale. Among my duties as a Policy Analyst is to review negotiated agreements and provide a recommendation as to their approval.

SYNOPSIS OF THE AGREEMENT

The instant negotiated Agreement between GLASFORD TELEPHONE COMPANY (“GLASFORD ” or “Carrier”) and SPRINT COMMUNICATIONS L.P. D/B/A SPRINT COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY L.P (“SPRINT COMMUNICATIONS L.P. D/B/A SPRINT COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY L.P.” or “Requesting Carrier”) is an interconnection Agreement dated May 16, 2006. The Agreement establishes various financial and operational terms for a variety of business relationships. The Agreement shall automatically be renewed for one (1) year periods thereafter unless one party

gives the other party written notice of termination not less than sixty (60) days prior to the expiration of initial term or any succeeding term.

The purpose of my verified statement is to examine the Agreement based on the standards enunciated in Section 252(e)(2)(A) of the 1996 Telecommunications Act.

Specifically, this Section states that:

The State commission may only reject an agreement (or any portion thereof) adopted by negotiation under subsection (a) if it finds that :

- (i) the agreement (or portion thereof) discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement; or
- (ii) the implementation of such agreement or portion is not consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity.

Also, under authority granted the Commission by Section 252(e)(3) of the 1996 Telecommunications Act, this Agreement has been reviewed for consistency with the requirements of the Illinois Public Utilities Act, 220 ILCS 5, and regulations, rules and orders adopted pursuant thereof.

I APPROVAL UNDER SECTION 252(e)

A. DISCRIMINATION

The first issue that must be addressed by the Commission in approving or rejecting a negotiated agreement under Section 252(e)(2)(A) is whether it discriminates against a telecommunications carrier that is not a party to the agreement.

Discrimination is generally defined as giving preferential treatment to the requesting carrier to the detriment of a telecommunications carrier that is not a party to the agreement. In previous dockets, Staff has taken the position that in order to determine if a negotiated agreement is discriminatory, the Commission should determine if all similarly situated carriers are allowed to purchase the service under the same terms and

conditions as provided in the agreement. I recommend that the Commission use the same approach when evaluating this negotiated Agreement.

A carrier should be deemed to be similarly situated to SPRINT COMMUNICATIONS L.P. D/B/A SPRINT COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY L.P. for purposes of this Agreement if telecommunications traffic is exchanged between such carrier and GLASFORD for termination on each other's networks and if such carrier imposes costs on GLASFORD that are no higher than the costs imposed by SPRINT COMMUNICATIONS L.P. D/B/A SPRINT COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY L.P.. If a similarly situated carrier is allowed to purchase the service(s) under the same terms and conditions as provided in this contract, then this contract should not be considered discriminatory. Evaluating the term discrimination in this manner is consistent with the economic theory of discrimination. Economic theory defines discrimination as the practice of charging different prices (or the same prices) for various units of a single product when the price differences (or same prices) are not justified by cost. See, Dolan, Edwin G. and David E. Lindsey, *Microeconomics*, 6th Edition, The Dryden Press, Orlando, FL (1991) at pg. 586. Since Section 252(i) of the 1996 Telecommunications Act allows similarly situated carriers to enter into essentially the same contract, this Agreement should not be deemed discriminatory.

B. PUBLIC INTEREST

The second issue that needs to be addressed by the Commission in approving or rejecting a negotiated agreement under Section 252(e)(2)(A) is whether it is contrary to the public interest, convenience, and necessity. I recommend that the Commission examine the Agreement on the basis of economic efficiency, equity, past Commission

orders, and state and federal law to determine if the agreement is consistent with the public interest. Nothing in this Agreement leads me to the conclusion that the Agreement is inequitable, inconsistent with past Commission Orders, or in violation of state or federal law. Therefore, I recommend that the Commission approve this Agreement. I do note, however, that this Agreement bears a published Effective Date of May 16, 2006, which is before the Agreement was submitted for approval.

II IMPLEMENTATION

In order to implement the GLASFORD - SPRINT COMMUNICATIONS L.P. D/B/A SPRINT COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY Agreement, the Commission should require GLASFORD to do the following. Usually, ILECs are required to amend their tariffs by creating or amending a list of negotiated agreements in their tariffs, but GLASFORD as a telephone mutual company does not have customary tariffs on file with the Commission. Therefore, as a condition of approving the negotiated Agreement, the Commission should order GLASFORD to create and file a "Current List of Valid Interconnection Agreements" within five (5) days from the date the negotiated Agreement is approved. This list should be filed in this docket and should reference, in this case, the GLASFORD - SPRINT COMMUNICATIONS L.P. D/B/A SPRINT COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY L.P. Agreement. If GLASSFORD enters into additional negotiated agreements in the future, said agreements can be added to the list, and the list can be refiled in the most recent docket.

The above requirement for telephone cooperatives and mutual company's is consistent with the Commission's Orders in previous negotiated agreement dockets and allows interested parties access to the negotiated agreements with GLASFORD. The

Commission can make this list available to the public by whatever means the Commission deems expeditious, including creating a computer link to the list on the Commission's website.

In addition, in order to assure that the implementation of the Agreement is in public interest, GLASFORD should implement the Agreement by filing a verified statement with the Chief Clerk of the Commission, within five (5) days of approval by the Commission, that the approved Agreement is the same as the Agreement filed in this docket with the verified petition; the Chief Clerk should place the Agreement on the Commission's website under Interconnection Agreements.

For the reasons enumerated above, I recommend that the Commission approve this negotiated Agreement pursuant to Section 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

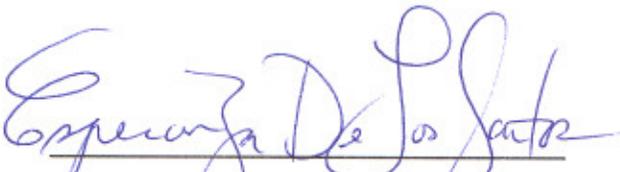
VERIFICATION

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
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COUNTY OF COOK)

I, A. Olusanjo Omoniyi, do on oath depose and state that if called as a witness herein, I would testify to the facts contained in the foregoing document based upon personal knowledge.



SIGNED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME THIS 17th DAY OF October, 2006.



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