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ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION
PUBLIC UTILITIES DIVISION

**Village of Sherman, a Municipal Corporation,
Sangamon County, Illinois,**)

Petitioner,)

v.)

**Union Pacific Railroad Company, The Illinois Department
of Transportation, and Sangamon County, Illinois,**)

Respondents.)

**In the matter of the Petition for an Order directing
the construction of a new grade separation within the
corporate limits of the Village of Sherman.**)

T89-0028

**PETITION FOR INTERVENTION OF
SPRINT COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY, L.P.**

Pursuant to 83 Ill. Admin. Code Section 200.200 of the Rules of Practice of the Illinois Commerce Commission ("Commission"), Sprint Communications Company, L.P. d/b/a Sprint ("Sprint") respectfully requests leave to intervene and be made a party to the above captioned proceeding. In support of this Petition, Sprint states as follows:

1. Sprint is a certificated interexchange telecommunications carrier in Illinois pursuant to Section 13-202, 13-401, and 13-403 of the Public Utilities Act. Moreover, Sprint holds a Certificate of Exchange Service Authority to provide resold and facilities-based local exchange telecommunications services in those portions of the state that are served by Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a Ameritech Illinois ("Ameritech") and GTE North, Incorporated and GTE South, Incorporated ("GTE"), granted in Docket Nos. 96-0141 and 96-0598; and a Certificate of Service Authority to provide resold local exchange telecommunication services in

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those portions of MSA-1 that are served by Central Telephone Company of Illinois (“Centel”) and those portions of the state outside of MSA-1 served by Centel, granted in Docket Nos. 96-0261 and 97-0295. The Centel exchanges were subsequently sold to Ameritech Illinois and Gallatin River.

2. Sprint was made aware this afternoon of the Administrative Law Judge’s Order of May 21, 2003. This order has a direct impact on Sprint though Sprint was not made a party to this proceeding.

3. Copies of all orders, notices, pleadings or correspondence in this docket should be sent to:

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3. As a certificated telecommunications carrier doing business in Illinois, Sprint will be directly and substantially affected by any determinations that the Commission may make regarding the issues in this proceeding. Specifically, the proposed order purports to allocate the cost of relocating utility cable to Sprint and certain other companies.

4. No other party can adequately represent Sprint's interests.

5. On this date, AT&T has filed a motion pursuant to 83 Ill. Admin. Code Section 200.190 requesting additional time to respond and to file exceptions to the proposed order of May 21, 2003. If Sprint's Petition for Leave is granted, Sprint respectfully seeks to join AT&T's motion for additional time by this reference and requests all relief sought by AT&T in their motion.

WHEREFORE, Sprint respectfully requests that its Petition for Leave to Intervene be granted, that it be made a party to this proceeding, and that it be allowed to join the motion of AT&T filed this day in this docket.

Respectfully submitted,

Sprint Communications Company, L.P.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brett D. Leopold", is written over a horizontal line.

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VERIFICATION

Brett D. Leopold, being first duly sworn, deposes and states that he is an attorney representing Sprint Communications Company, L.P., that he has read the Petition for Leave to Intervene of Sprint Communications Company, L.P., in Illinois Commerce Commission Docket T89-0028 and knows the contents thereof, and that the statements therein contained are true, to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.


Brett D. Leopold

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to
before me this 30th day of May, 2003


Notary Public

My commission expires on 1-23-07

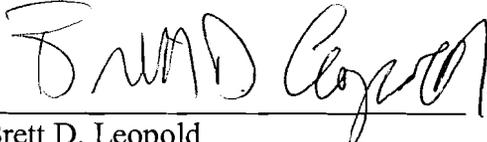


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NOTICE OF FILING

Please take notice that on May 30th, 2003, I caused to be sent by Federal Express Next Business Day Delivery, postage-prepaid, the original Sprint Communications Company, L.P.'s Petition for Leave to Intervene in the above-captioned matter to the Chief Clerk of the Illinois Commerce Commission, Elizabeth Rolando, Chief Clerk of the Illinois Commerce Commission, 527 East Capitol Avenue, Springfield, Illinois 62701.

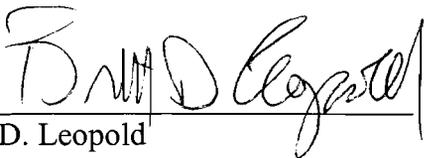


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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Brett D. Leopold, certify that I caused to be served from Sprint Communications Company, L.P. a copy of its Petition for Leave to Intervene in the above-captioned docket,

together with a Notice of Filing, upon all parties on the attached service list on this 30th day of May, 2003, by United States First Class Mail, postage prepaid.


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