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THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

Before Commissioners: Brian J. Moline, Chair

John Wine

Robert E. Krehbiel

In the Matter of the Application of)	
Southwestern Bell Telephone Company for)	
Approval of Interconnection Agreement)	Docket No. 03-SWBT-301-IAT
Under the Telecommunications Act of 1996)	
with Sprint Communications Company L.P.)	

ORDER

NOW, the above-captioned matter comes before the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas ("Commission"). Having examined its files and records, and being duly advised in the premises, the Commission finds and concludes as follows:

- 1. On November 12, 2002, the Commission approved the original K2A Interconnection Agreement ("Agreement") and the first amendment between Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Kansas ("SWBT") and Sprint Communications Company, L.P. ("Sprint"). A second amendment was approved on January 21, 2003.
- 2. On August 19, 2003, SWBT filed this application seeking its third modification to the Agreement. This modification adds Appendix UNE Combining and Schedule UNE Combinations. All other terms and conditions to the Agreement remain unchanged and in full force and effect.
- 3. SWBT believes approval is consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity. SWBT indicates the Agreement, with this third amendment, does not discriminate against any telecommunications carrier and promotes diversity of local service providers, provides interconnectivity and increases customers' choices for telecommunications services.

- 4. On September15, 2003, Staff submitted a memorandum recommending approval of the modification. To the extent this Company's presence increases the options for local telephone services, Staff believes the public will generally benefit from Commission approval of the Agreement and the first modification thereto. Sprint Communications Company, L.P. is registered with the office of the Kansas Secretary of State and is currently "active and in good standing."
- 5. The Commission finds and concludes that the request for approval of modification to the interconnection agreement should be granted. The modification to the agreement does not, on its face, discriminate against any telecommunications provider not a party to the agreement, and implementation of the agreement is consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity. The modification shall be effective with this approval.

IT IS, THEREFORE, BY THE COMMISSION ORDERED THAT:

- A. The application of Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Kansas to modify the interconnection agreement with Sprint Communications Company, L.P. is hereby approved and is effective immediately.
- B. Any party may file a petition for reconsideration of this order within fifteen days of the date this order is served. If service is by mail, service is complete upon mailing and three days may be added to the above time frame.
- C. The Commission retains jurisdiction over the subject matter and the parties for the purpose of entering such further order, or orders, as it may deem necessary.

BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.

Moline, Chr.; Wine, Com.; Krehbiel, Com.

Dated: ______**SEP** 2 4 2003

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Susan K. Duffy

Executive Director

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