

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

November 29, 2000

IN RE:

**PETITION OF SPRINT COMMUNICATIONS
COMPANY L.P. FOR ARBITRATION WITH
BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.
PURSUANT TO SECTION 252(b) OF THE
TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996**

**DOCKET NO.
00-00691**

ORDER ACCEPTING PETITION FOR ARBITRATION

This matter came before the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (the "Authority") at the September 26, 2000 Authority Conference upon the petition of Sprint Communications Company L.P. ("Sprint") for arbitration of an interconnection agreement pursuant to Section 252(b) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 ("Petition") with BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth").

Sprint filed its Petition for Arbitration on August 7, 2000. BellSouth filed a Response to Sprint's Petition for Arbitration on September 1, 2000. At the September 26, 2000 Authority Conference, the Directors voted unanimously to accept the Petition for Arbitration, limited to the twenty-six (26) properly filed issues.

The Directors voted unanimously to appoint themselves as arbitrators and the general counsel or his designee as the Pre-Arbitration Officer for the purposes of establishing a procedural schedule and making necessary preparations of the case.

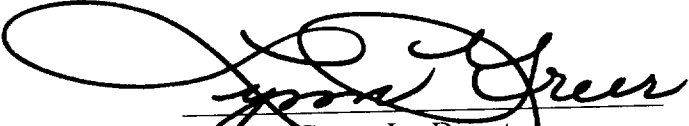
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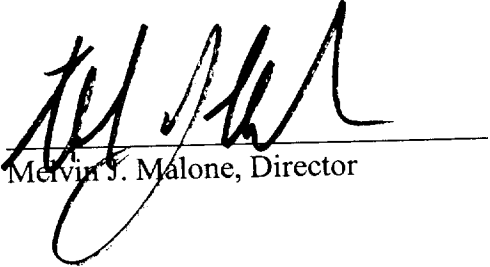
The Directors also directed the parties to participate in a mediation/negotiation meeting with an Authority mediator; such negotiating teams are to include a representative of each party who is authorized to resolve any remaining issues.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:


1. Sprint's Petition for Arbitration is accepted; and
2. Any party aggrieved with the Authority's decision in this matter may file a Petition for Reconsideration with the Authority within fifteen (15) days from and after the date of this Order.


Sara Kyle, Chairman


H. Lynn Greer, Jr., Director


Melvin J. Malone, Director

ATTEST:


K. David Waddell, Executive Secretary