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Ladies/Gentlemen:

98-00626

Attached is a copy of the Resolution from the County Commission for Washington County protesting the rate increase sought by Sprint, Inc.

We felt it important to pass along their grave concerns.

Please let us know at any time when we may be of assistance to you.

Sincerely,

D. E. Crowe, II
State Senator

Bob Patton
State Representative

DEC:BP:wsc

Enclosure

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IN THE COUNTY COMMISSION FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY, TENNESSEE

RESOLUTION NO. 98- 9 - 3

**RESOLUTION PROTESTING RATE INCREASE SOUGHT BY
SPRINT, INC.**

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the Washington County Commission that Sprint, Inc., owner of the public utility furnishing telephone service in Upper East Tennessee, including Washington, Sullivan, and other counties, has petitioned the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (TRA) for increase in rate and other charges in its service area; and,

WHEREAS, the increases sought are many and varied and affect practically all of the telephone users in Washington County, Tennessee; and,

WHEREAS, it is the understanding of the County Commission that Sprint, Inc. classifies certain of these rate increases as "nonessential services" and as such not subject to regulation. The County Commission challenges this interpretation and requests the TRA clearly define and interpret the provisions of the controlling statutes to the extent it has authority so to do in a fashion so as to protect the citizens from unnecessary increases in rates and charges; and,

WHEREAS, as representative of the citizens of Washington County, Tennessee, the County Commission adopts the position that this effort to increase rates and charges is unnecessary and not appropriate at this time and should not be permitted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Commission of Washington County, Tennessee, in session duly assembled, and a quorum being present, as follows:

1. That the TRA examine closely the requested increase in rates and charges sought by Sprint, Inc. and grant only those increases which are necessary for Sprint, Inc. to maintain the same level of income and profit as has been in existence during the last fiscal year of operation, and not further or otherwise; and,

2. That the County Executive of Washington County furnish the representatives of Washington County in the T...

ALL RESOLUTIONS in conflict herewith, be and the same are hereby rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

THIS RESOLUTION shall take effect from and after the date on which it is approved by the County Executive or as indicated by certification of the County Clerk, as hereinafter set forth.

DULY PASSED BY THE COUNTY LEGISLATIVE BODY on this the 28th day of September, 1998.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Greg Matherly, Patsy Sanders, Paul Woodby, Pat Collins, Frank Richardson, Ronnie Slagle, Robert Barnett, Robert Good, Martha Meredith, Sid Campbell, Phil McPeak, Wendell Messimer, William Biles, Ken Lyon, Jack Rutherford, W. C. Rowe, Joe Wilson, Pat Wolfe, Galen Fitzgerald, Roy McLain, Richard Edens, Eddie Haren, and Evert Jarrett.

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None

MOTION BY: Martha Nan Meredith

SECOND BY: Robert Good

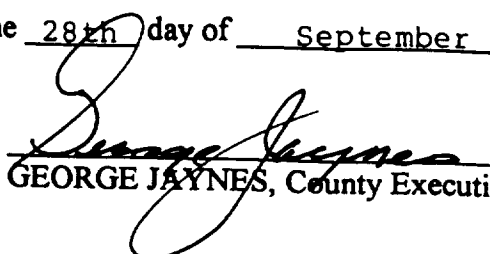
VOTE:

Commissioners Voting FOR Resolution: all yes voice vote.

Commissioner Voting AGAINST Resolution: None

Doyle Cloyd by Eve Donita D.C.
DOYLE CLOYD, County Clerk
of Washington County, Tennessee

APPROVED by County Executive on this the 28th day of September, 1998.



GEORGE JAYNES, County Executive

The County Executive having declined to approve this Resolution, the same became effective on the _____ day of _____, 1998, pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated §5-6-107(b)(5).

DOYLE CLOYD, County Clerk

I, Doyle Cloyd, County Clerk of Washington County, Tennessee, hereby certify that this is a true and perfect copy of the original Resolution

filed in this office March 30.

This Oct. 1st, 1998

Doyle Cloyd by Donal
COUNTY CLERK D.C.