

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Initiation of show cause proceedings against Sprint-Florida, Incorporated for violation of service standards.

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Docket No. 991377-TL

Filed: July 27, 2000

JOINT MOTION FOR EXPEDITED CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF STIPULATION AND SETTLEMENT

The Citizens of the State of Florida, through the Office of Public Counsel, and Sprint-Florida, Inc. jointly move the Florida Public Service Commission for expedited consideration of the attached Stipulation and Settlement. Integral to, and included in, the Stipulation and Settlement is a Petition for waiver of Commission Rules 25-4.066 (2), 25-4.070 (3)(a), 25-4.073(1) (c) and (1)(d) and 25-4.110(2), Florida Administrative Code.

The movants urge that the Commission provide the mandatory notice of the waiver requests at the earliest possible time in the Florida Administrative Weekly, pursuant to Section 120.542, Florida Statutes (1999). Based on today's filing, the Commission will be required to provide a notice to the Florida Department of State (Department) no later than August 11, 2000, which would in all likelihood not allow for publication in the earliest possible Florida Administrative Weekly (August 18, 2000). For this reason, the movants respectfully request that the Commission take all reasonable steps to provide the requisite notice to the Department by August 9. As the movants understand it, the Commission's internal procedures call for the notice to be prepared by

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staff and then be submitted to the Commission's Director of Records and Reporting approximately seven days prior to the Department's Wednesday submittal date. The very slight two-day advancement of the Commission's internal process will allow the earliest possible consideration of the Stipulation and Settlement.

Pursuant to Rule 28-104.003, a 14-day comment period (beginning with the publication of the notice) must be provided. The comment period will end on September 1, 2000. The Commission can take action on the Stipulation and Settlement at any time subsequent to that date. The movants believe that expedited consideration of the Stipulation and Settlement will allow the customers to realize benefits as soon as possible.

The movants request that the Commission consider, at the earliest possible time, the entire Stipulation and Settlement as a single matter, while giving due consideration to the requirements of Section 120.542 (5), Florida Statutes (1999). Although the Commission appears to have adopted a practice of granting rule waivers utilizing a Proposed Agency Action order, the Commission can take final action on approval of the Stipulation and Settlement prior to the expiration of any required protest period following a Proposed Agency Action Order on the waiver(s).

The movants request that the Commission vote to issue a final order at the initial (and hopefully only) consideration of the Stipulation and Settlement. The final order then issued should make effectiveness of the Stipulation and Settlement contingent upon the

issuance of a consummating order regarding the requested waivers. Upon issuance of such consummating order all matters pending in this docket will be resolved in accordance with Section 120.57(4), Florida Statutes (1999).

Expeditious consideration and approval will allow for the implementation process to begin as soon as possible so that the benefits of the Stipulation and Settlement will reach customers as soon as possible.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned parties to this docket respectfully urge the Florida Public Service Commission to take appropriate action to expeditiously consider and approve the attached Stipulation and Settlement in all respects.

DATED this 27th day of July 2000.

Respectfully submitted,

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the above JOINT MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF STIPULATION AND SETTLEMENT has been furnished by U.S. mail to the following this 27^{tht} day of July, 2000:

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