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December 18, 1996

**BY HAND DELIVERY**

Ms. Blanca S. Bayo, Director  
Division of Records and Reporting  
Florida Public Service Commission  
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

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Re: Request by United Telephone Long Distance, Inc.  
for cancellation of IXC Certificate No. 1960;  
Docket No.

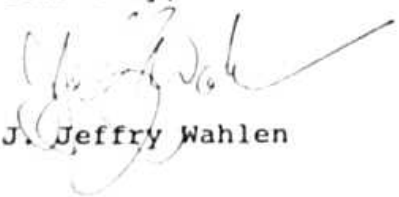
Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced is the original and fifteen (15) copies of United Telephone Long Distance Inc.'s Request for Cancellation of Certificate and Authority to Operate as an Interexchange Carrier.

Please acknowledge receipt and filing of the above by stamping the duplicate copy of this letter and returning the same to this writer.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

  
J. Jeffrey Wahlen

JJW/bjm  
Enclosures  
cc: Walter D'Haeseleer (3 copies w/encl.)

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Request by UNITED TELEPHONE ) DOCKET NO.  
LONG DISTANCE, INC. for cancellation) )  
of IXC Certificate No. 1960 ) Date Filed: 12/18/96  
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**UNITED TELEPHONE LONG DISTANCE, INC.'S  
REQUEST FOR CANCELLATION OF CERTIFICATE  
AND AUTHORITY TO OPERATE AS AN INTEREXCHANGE CARRIER**

United Telephone Long Distance, Inc., d/b/a Sprint United Long Distance and Sprint Centel Long Distance (UTLD) pursuant to Section 25-24.474(2), F.A.C., requests that the Florida Public Service Commission cancel UTLD's certificate and authority to operate as an interexchange carrier ("IXC") in Florida and as grounds for such action states:

1. UTLD is a certificated IXC in Florida and holds Florida Public Service Commission Certificate No. 1960.

2. UTLD intends to cease doing 1+ business on December 26, 1996, and all other business (800, 0+, 0-) by January 31, 1997 and will continue to pay any regulatory assessment fees due through January 31, 1997.

3. UTLD proposes to cease doing business because it does not believe that it can continue to provide services that customers want at prices that customers will be willing to pay in the increasingly competitive environment created by recent State and Federal legislation.

4. UTLD required no customer deposits and holds no customer deposits. UTLD will issue final bills within fifteen days of

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ceasing to do business and will be available for inquiries for at least ninety days following ceasing to do business.

5. In view of UTLD's decision to cease operations, UTLD has made arrangements with its underlying carrier, Sprint Communications Company, L.P., a certificated Florida IXC, to continue to provide service to UTLD's customers without interruption.

6. Because UTLD is ceasing its long distance operations, it is also canceling its tariffs. Contemporaneous with the Request, UTLD is delivering a letter and tariff pages to the Director, Division of Communications, Florida Public Service Commission, canceling UTLD's tariffs effective at 12:00 A.M., February 1, 1997.

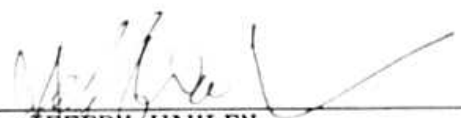
7. UTLD's 1+ customers have been advised by mail of UTLD's decision to cease operations and of its arrangement with Sprint Communications Company, L.P., to continue to provide long distance service to UTLD's customers without interruption. This notice (Attachments 1 and 2) was sent on December 9, 10 and 11, 1996. Similar letters will be sent to 0+ and 0- customers. 800 customers will be informed that UTLD is ceasing to do business effective January 31, 1997, through a bill message notice which will inform these customers of the arrangement with Sprint Communications Company, L.P., but also provide notice that any other carrier may be selected.

As set forth in the notices, any UTLD customer not wanting Sprint Communications Company, L.P. service as her, his or its long distance carrier may select an alternative certificated

interexchange carrier. In no event, however, will the customer bear any charge for the change in long distance carriers either to Sprint or to any other carrier.

WHEREFORE, United Telephone Long Distance, Inc., requests the Commission's approval to cancel its certificate of public convenience and necessity, and of its individual customer notice of discontinuance of service.

Respectfully submitted, this 18th day of December, 1996.

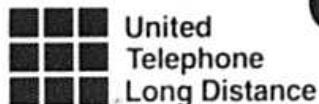


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ATTACHMENT 1  
(Residence)

Dear United Telephone Long Distance Customer:

It has been our pleasure to be your long distance carrier. As the competitive environment of telecommunications continues to change, we have made the determination that UTLD does not have the size that will be needed to continue to bring you the best of telecommunications. Consequently, UTLD will cease providing long distance service on December 26, 1996.

In order to avoid any inconvenience or long distance service interruption, UTLD has made arrangements with Sprint to become your long distance carrier. You will be enrolled in Sprint's message toll service, Sprint's basic rate plan. If you wish to enroll for Sprint Sense<sup>®</sup> or Business Sense<sup>®</sup>, please call 1-800-874-6731 for information on these calling plans. UTLD will pay any carrier change charge associated with changing your service to Sprint.

Since its inception, UTLD has used Sprint's all digital, fiber-optic network in providing long distance service to you. We are confident you will be pleased with Sprint's service and rates. If, for any reason, you desire another carrier, however, please contact your local telephone company representative at 1-800-339-1811 to make your selection and UTLD will pay any carrier change charge.

If you have any questions regarding this change of service, please call UTLD at 1-800-450-8853. Again, thank you for giving UTLD the opportunity to serve you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Wolf".

Jeff Wolf  
President  
United Telephone Long Distance



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ATTACHMENT 2  
(Business)

Dear United Telephone Long Distance Customer,

It has been our pleasure to be your long distance carrier. As the competitive environment of telecommunications continues to change, we have made the determination that UTLD will not be able to continue to bring you the depth of communication services that will enable your business to grow. Consequently, UTLD will cease providing long distance service on December 26, 1996.

In order to avoid any inconvenience or long distance service interruption, UTLD has made arrangements with Sprint to become your long distance carrier. You will be automatically enrolled in the Sprint Business Sense Plan. For more information regarding this calling plan, please call 1-800-211-1635. UTLD will pay any carrier change charge associated with changing your service to Sprint.

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