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Via Overnight Delivery

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Ms. Blanca Bayó
Florida Public Service Commission
Division of Records and Reporting
Capital Circle Office Center
2540 Shumard Oak Blvd.
Tallahassee. FL 32399-0872

RE:

MCI WorldCom, Inc. and Sprint Corporation Joint Application for acknowledgment or approval of merger whereby MCI WorldCom will acquire control of Sprint and its Florida Operation Subsidiaries, ASC telecom, Inc. d/b/a AlternaTel, Sprint Communications Company Limited Partnership, Sprint Payphone Services, Inc., and Sprint-Florida, Inc., Case No. 991799

Dear Ms. Bayó:

Enclosed are an original and four (4) copies of the *Motion for Leave to Intervene of the Telecommunications Resellers Association* ("TRA") in the above referenced proceeding.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Questions may be directed to the undersigned.

Sincerely,

Telecommunications Resellers Association

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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MCI WorldCom, Inc. and Sprint Corporation)		
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of merger whereby MCI WorldCom will acquire)		
control of Sprint and its Florida Operation)		
Subsidiaries, ASC telecom, Inc. d/b/a AlternaTel,)		
Sprint Communications Company Limited)		
Partnership, Sprint Payphone Services, Inc.,)		
and Sprint-Florida, Inc.)		
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MOTION FOR LEAVE TO INTERVENE OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS RESELLERS ASSOCIATION

The Telecommunications Resellers Association ("TRA"), on behalf of its members and pursuant to Florida Public Service Commission Rules of Practice and Procedure, §25-22.039, hereby respectfully moves the Florida Public Service Commission for leave to intervene in the above-captioned proceeding. In support of its application, TRA states as follows:

- 1. TRA is a national trade organization representing more than 800 telecommunications service providers and suppliers throughout the United States, including 56 Florida-based members. TRA's members are generally small to medium-sized telecommunications service providers. TRA members offer a variety of value-added competitive local, interexchange, wireless, Internet, and enhanced services to the public. Several TRA members are authorized by the Commission to provide competitive local and interexchange services in the state of Florida.
- 2. As local and interexchange service providers, TRA members have substantial and material interest in the matters raised in this proceeding. The proposed merger of MCI and Sprint may adversely affect TRA members providing telecommunications services in Florida. Many TRA members rely on wholesale network services provided by MCI and Sprint. To the extent that the merger will result in a narrowing of competitive network service providers and adversely impact the network services currently provided by both companies, the merger could have direct consequences for TRA members and the resale industry. TRA members are typically smaller companies without the resources to intervene in this

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proceeding on their own. As such, members rely on TRA to represent their interests on important industry issues such as those under consideration in this proceeding. There are no other parties to this proceeding who can adequately address the concerns of TRA or provide the unique perspective of its membership. Denial of TRA's petition would deprive the Commission of additional industry insight in this matter and

result in a less complete record.

TRA wishes to intervene for the specific purpose of monitoring this proceeding and 3.

submitting a brief. TRA does not intend to sponsor witnesses nor engage in discovery or cross-examination

of witnesses. TRA accepts the record to date. The proposed intervention by TRA will not unduly broaden

the issues involved in this proceeding or prejudice other parties.

4. The name and address of the individual to receive documents and communications

regarding this proceeding is:

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WHEREFORE, the Telecommunications Resellers Association respectfully requests that the Commission grant its Petition for Leave to Intervene in this proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,

Telecommunications Resellers Association

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