

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application       ) Application No. C-4855  
of Sprint Communications Company,       )  
L.P., Overland Park, Kansas,           ) GRANTED  
seeking authority to discontinue       )  
wireline business long-distance       )  
services and related features.       ) Entered: August 16, 2016

BY THE COMMISSION:

By Application filed July 7, 2016, Sprint Communications Company, L.P. ("Sprint") of Overland Park, Kansas, seeks approval to discontinue wireline business long-distance services and related features in the State of Nebraska. Notice of the Application was published in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, on July 11, 2016. No protests were filed; therefore, this Application is processed pursuant to the Commission's Rule of Modified Procedure.

O P I N I O N     A N D     F I N D I N G S

Sprint seeks Commission approval to discontinue its provision of wireline business long-distance services and associated features in Nebraska pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 86-134. Sprint is a Kansas corporation with its principal place of business in Overland Park, Kansas. Sprint is authorized to do business in Nebraska and holds a certificate of authority from the Commission to offer competitive local exchange and interexchange services. The specific Sprint wireline business long-distance services and associated features being discontinued are Message Telecommunications Service ("MTS"), Wide Area Telecommunications Service ("WATS"), Toll Free Calling, Switched Data Service, Operator Services, Directory Assistance, and FONCARD (collectively the "Sprint Services") as well as business pricing plans associated with Sprint Services.

On January 5, 2015, Sprint received authority from the FCC to cease offering the Sprint Services to new customers. At this time, Sprint plans to discontinue its provision of Sprint Services to its remaining business customers effective June 30, 2017, or as soon thereafter as the necessary regulatory approvals are obtained.

In support of its Application, Sprint states the following requirements of Neb. Rev. Stat. § 86-134 have been met:

1. Comparable service is available to subscribers from one or more telecommunications companies in all local

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- exchange areas where Sprint Services are being provided at the time of the discontinuation of Sprint Services;
2. Subscribers to Sprint Services will be notified at least 30 days prior to the effective date of discontinuation of Sprint Services;
  3. Refunds of unused prepaid subscription charges to customers will be made prior to the discontinuation of Sprint Services; and
  4. Customers will be reimbursed for charges incurred in obtaining substitute services.

Upon consideration of the request made by Sprint in its Application and being fully advised in the premises, the Commission finds Sprint's Application should be approved.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Application No. C-4855 is hereby, granted, and the request made by Sprint Communications Company, L.P. to discontinue wireline business long-distance services and related features in Nebraska is hereby approved.

ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 16<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2016.

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

*Gerald L. Up*  
*Crystal Snodgrass*

*Tim Schram*  
Chairman

ATTEST:

//s//Frank E. Landis  
//s//Tim Schram

*Shane Knepper*  
Deputy Director