COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

SPRINT COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY L.P.)

CASE NO. 2000-280

ALLEGED VIOLATION(S) OF KRS 278.535

<u>O R D E R</u>

Sprint Communications Company L.P. ("Sprint") is a communications provider as defined in KRS 278.535(1)(a), is authorized to do business in Kentucky, and is subject to the Commission's jurisdiction. Sprint is a Foreign Limited Partnership corporation (identification number 0252864) authorized by the Office of the Secretary of State of the Commonwealth of Kentucky to do business in Kentucky as of January 3, 1989. The records maintained by the Office of the Secretary of State show that the principal place of business for Sprint is 8140 Ward Parkway, Kansas City, Missouri 64114 and show that the registered agent is Prentice-Hall Corporation System, Inc., 421 W. Main Street, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

KRS 278.535(1)(a) prescribes statutory procedures for the proper changing of any Kentucky customer's primary telecommunications carrier.

1. On or about May 3, 2000, Mark R. Connelly, 7100 Glendale Road, Louisville, Kentucky 40291, reported to Commission Staff by telephone that his longdistance carrier had been changed from AT&T to Sprint without his authority or permission. Mr. Connelly's telephone number is 502-231-3790. 2. After investigation, Commission Staff has been unable to obtain or secure any written authorization or electronically recorded authorization of Mr. Connelly properly authorizing the carrier change.

Based on the foregoing allegations and on the results of the investigation by the Commission Staff, the Commission, on its own motion, HEREBY ORDERS that:

1. Sprint shall submit to the Commission within 30 days of the date of receipt of this Order a response to the allegations stated above.

2. Sprint shall appear on October 18, 2000 at 1:30 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time, in Hearing Room 1 of the Commission's offices at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky for the purpose of showing cause why it should not be subject to penalties, pursuant to KRS 278.990(1) and KRS 278.535(6), for the alleged violations of law described herein.

3. Any request for an informal conference with the Commission Staff to consider any matter which would expedite the handling or disposition of this proceeding shall be filed with the Commission no later than 30 days from the date of receipt of this Order.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 23rd day of August, 2000.

By the Commission

ATTEST:

Executive Directo