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February 3, 2009

VIA HAND DELIVERY

Hon. Jeff Derouen
Executive Director
Public Service Commission
of the Commonwealth of Kentucky
211 Sower Blvd.
Frankfort, KY 40601

***Re: In the Matter of: Complaint of Sprint Communications Company L.P.
against Brandenburg Telephone Company for the Unlawful Imposition of
Access Charges, Case No. 2008-00135***

Dear Mr. Derouen:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced case, please find one original and eleven (11) copies of Brandenburg Telephone Company's Status Report in the above-referenced case. Please file-stamp one copy, and return it to our courier.

Thank you, and if you have any questions, please call me.

Very truly yours,

DINSMORE & SHOHL LLP

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John E. Selent". The signature is stylized with a large loop at the beginning and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

John E. Selent

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Enclosures

cc: All Parties of Record
Edward T. Depp, Esq.

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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF COMPLAINT)
OF SPRINT COMMUNICATIONS)
COMPANY L.P. AGAINST)
BRANDENBURG TELEPHONE)
COMPANY FOR THE UNLAWFUL)
IMPOSITION OF ACCESS CHARGES)

Case No. 2008-135

STATUS REPORT OF BRANDENBURG TELEPHONE COMPANY

Brandenburg Telephone Company ("Brandenburg Telephone"), by counsel, hereby submits its status report as required by the Public Service Commission's (the "Commission's") order of December 31, 2008 (the "Order").

REPORT

In its December 31, 2008 order, the Commission ordered the parties to file a status report addressing: (1) the parties' ongoing negotiations to resolve this complaint; and (2) whether a hearing should be scheduled within 60 days.

Brandenburg Telephone has made a good faith effort to resolve the dispute with Sprint Communications Company L.P. ("Sprint") through negotiations. Brandenburg Telephone remains willing to negotiate a resolution with Sprint; however, based on the parties' recent teleconference and on Sprint's January 26, 2009 Amended Response to Brandenburg Telephone's Data Requests, it appears unlikely that the parties will be able to resolve this matter without the Commission's intervention.

In an effort to narrow the scope of the dispute before the Commission, and to recover the undisputed charges rightly owed Brandenburg Telephone, Brandenburg Telephone filed an Emergency Motion to Compel Payment of Access Charges ("Emergency Motion") with the Commission on January 30, 2009. Sprint's refusal to pay these undisputed charges unnecessarily increases the issues before the Commission. In addition, Sprint's ability to refuse to pay undisputed charges for services received constitutes a financial disincentive to resolve this matter.

Given the unlikely prospect of the parties reaching a negotiated resolution to this matter, Brandenburg Telephone believes a hearing should probably be scheduled within the next 60 days. Accordingly, by way of a separate motion, Brandenburg Telephone will propose a procedural schedule addressing pre-hearing discovery. In addition, Brandenburg Telephone may file a dispositive motion.

Respectfully submitted,



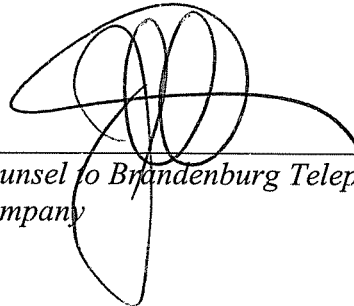
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing was served by first-class United States mail on this 3rd day of February, 2009, to the following individual(s):

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Frankfort, KY 40601



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Company*