

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Application and Petition)	
in Accordance with Section II.A.2.b. of the)	
Local Service Guidelines Filed by:)	
)	
Buckland Telephone Company)	Case No. 06-884-TP-UNC
Minford Telephone Company)	Case No. 06-885-TP-UNC
The Glandorf Telephone Company, Inc. and)	Case No. 06-886-TP-UNC
Sycamore Telephone Company.)	Case No. 06-887-TP-UNC

ENTRY ON REHEARING

The Commission finds:

- (1) In a finding and order issued on November 21, 2006, the Commission granted Buckland Telephone Company (Buckland), The Glandorf Telephone Company (Glandorf) and Sycamore Telephone Company (Sycamore) a two-year extension of the rural exemption afforded these companies as rural telephone companies pursuant to 47 U.S.C. §251(f)(1) and the Commission's local service guidelines adopted in Case No. 95-845-TP-COI (845 Guidelines), *In the Matter of the Commission Investigation Relative to the Establishment of Local Exchange Competition and Other Competitive Issues*.¹ Additionally, recognizing the company's unique status as a not-for-profit telephone company, the November 21, 2006 finding and order continued the rural exemption of Minford Telephone Company (Minford) under 47 U.S.C. §251(f)(1) and the 845 Guidelines until such time as Minford's customers indicate otherwise.
- (2) Section 4903.10, Revised Code, states that any party to a Commission proceeding may apply for rehearing with respect to any matters determined by the Commission, within 30 days of the entry of the order upon the Commission's journal.

¹ Under 47 U.S.C. §251(f)(1), a State commission shall terminate a rural telephone company exemption if a bona fide request for "interconnection, services, or network elements . . . is not unduly economically burdensome, is technically feasible, and is consistent with section 254 [concerning universal service requirements]. . . ." *Iowa Util. Bd. v. FCC*, 219 F.3d 744, 762 (8th Cir. 2000) ("*Iowa II*") requires the party making the request for interconnection to prove that these conditions are met prior to termination of the exemption.


- (3) On December 21, 2006, Sprint Communications Company L.P. (Sprint) filed an application seeking rehearing of the Commission's November 21, 2006 finding and order.
- (4) The Commission grants rehearing to further consider the matters specified in the application for rehearing.

It is, therefore,

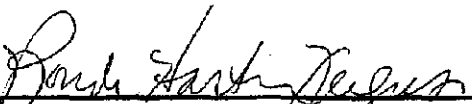
ORDERED, That the application for rehearing filed by Sprint is granted in accordance with finding 4. It is, further,

ORDERED, That a copy of this entry on rehearing be served upon counsel for Applicants, counsel for Sprint and all other interested parties of record.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO




Alan R. Schriber, Chairman

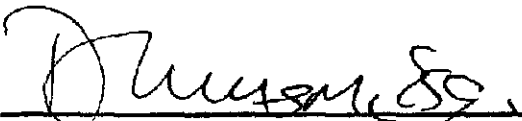


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