

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of The Application of)
Sprint a/k/a United Telephone Company of)
Ohio for Authority to File and Make)
Effective New and Revised Tariff Sheets) Case No.96-414-TP-ATA
in its General Exchange Tariff, PUCO No.)
5 to Offer Basic Rate Interface ISDN)
(Integrated Services Digital Network).)

FINDING AND ORDER

The Commission finds:

- (1) On April 30, 1996, Sprint a/k/a United Telephone Company of Ohio (Applicant or Company) filed an application with the Commission to provide a new service, Basic Rate Interface (BRI) Integrated Services Digital Network (ISDN). The Applicant filed amendments to this application on July 10, 1996, November 5, 1996, March 11, 1997, April 3, 1997 and May 22, 1997.
- (2) BRI-ISDN is an optional service arrangement that requires an access line and can be used in conjunction with a customer's residential service, or individual business line service. The service provides end-to-end digital communications and gives the ability to transmit voice, data, and graphics over the same telephone line simultaneously. BRI provides three channels described as 2 B channels (bearer channels) and one D channel (signaling) per access line. The B channel is 64 kbps in bandwidth and the D channel is 16 kbps in bandwidth. Each B channel will have a directory number assigned and additional directory numbers can be obtained for an additional monthly charge.
- (3) BRI-ISDN will be offered to residential and single line business customers. Any customer equipment must meet North American ISDN Users Forum (NIUF) standards so as to be operational with the switches and software that Applicant is using. Usage charges will only apply to circuit-switched data calls with a monthly usage greater than 1,800 minutes of use (1,800 minutes represents 30 hours a month) per B channel. Applicant's proposed usage charge applied to data calls in excess of 1,800 minutes of use is \$.02 per minute. The Applicant's BRI-ISDN will reach a total distance of approximately 24,000 feet. For

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BRI-ISDN service provided beyond 24,000 feet, a \$30 charge per month will be applied per customer.

Applicant will offer a standard set of 6 different BRI-ISDN packages as defined by NIUF from a possible 15 packages. Each package has specific interface configurations and features made up of one or two B channels and a D channel.

- (4) Over the next two years BRI-ISDN will be offered out of 14 central offices or 48 percent of the total access lines that Applicant serves and within a total distance of 24,000 feet. From an ISDN capable office, Applicant is able to reach approximately 98 percent of its access lines.
- (5) After a thorough review of this application, as amended, Staff agrees with the proposal and, therefore, has recommended its approval by the Commission.
- (6) This application has been filed pursuant to Section 4909.18, Revised Code, and the Commission finds, as the Applicant alleges, that it is not for an increase in any rate, joint rate, toll classification, charge, or rental and does not appear to be unjust or unreasonable and should be approved. Therefore, the Commission finds it unnecessary to hold a hearing in this matter.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That Applicant is authorized to file in final form, three complete printed copies of each of its final tariffs consistent with this Finding and Order. Applicant should file its tariffs, under one cover letter, which references this case number, and its "TRF" case number. It is further,

ORDERED, That the effective date of the new tariffs shall be a date not earlier than both the date of this Finding and Order and the date upon which three complete printed copies of the final tariffs are filed with the Commission. The new tariffs shall be effective for services rendered on or after such effective date. It is, further,

ORDERED, That nothing in this Finding and Order shall be binding upon this Commission in any subsequent investigation or proceeding involving the justness or reasonableness of any rate, charge, rule or regulation. It is, further,

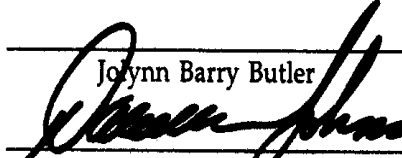
ORDERED, That this case be closed of record. It is, further,

ORDERED, That a copy of this Finding and Order be served upon Applicant.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO



Craig A. Glazer, Chairman

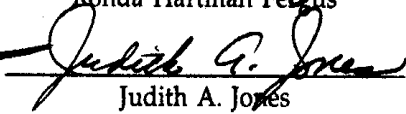


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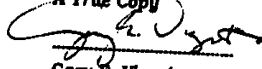
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