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Re: Sprint Spectrum L.P. and SprintCom, Inc., d/b/a Sprint PSC and the CMRS Providers; Case Nos. 2006-00215, 2006-00217, 2006-00218, 2006-00220, 2006-00252, 2006-00255, 2006-00288, 2006-00292, 2006-00294, 2006-00296, 2006-00298, 2006-00300

Dear Beth:

Attached are copies of the testimony of Randy Farrar on behalf of Sprint Spectrum L.P. and SprintCom, Inc., d/b/a Sprint PSC and the CMRS Providers for filing in each of the referenced cases. An additional five copies are also being filed.

If you have any questions about this filing, please contact me.

xy truly yours,

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In the Matter of:

Petition of Ballard Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc. for Arbitration of Certain Terms and Conditions of Proposed Interconnection Agreement With American Cellular f/k/a ACC Kentucky License LLC, Pursuant to the Communications Act of 1934, as Amended by the Telecommunications Act of 1996)))))	Case No. 2006-00215
Petition of Duo County Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc. for Arbitration of Certain Terms and Conditions of Proposed Interconnection Agreement With Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless, GTE Wireless of the Midwest Incorporated d/b/a Verizon Wireless, and Kentucky RSA No. 1 Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless, Pursuant to the Communications Act of 1934, as Amended by the Telecommunications Act of 1996))))))	Case No. 2006-00217
Petition of Logan Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc. for Arbitration of Certain Terms and Conditions of Proposed Interconnection Agreement With American Cellular f/k/a ACC Kentucky License LLC, Pursuant to the Communications Act of 1934, as Amended by the Telecommunications Act of 1996)))))	Case No. 2006-00218
Petition of West Kentucky Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc. for Arbitration of Certain Terms and Conditions of Proposed Interconnection Agreement With American Cellular f/k/a ACC Kentucky License LLC, Pursuant to the Communications Act of 1934, as Amended by the Telecommunications Act of 1996)))))	Case No. 2006-00220

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Petition of Mountain Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc. for Arbitration of Certain Terms and Conditions of Proposed Interconnection Agreement With Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless, GTE Wireless of the Midwest Incorporated d/b/a Verizon Wireless, and Kentucky RSA No. 1 Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless, Pursuant to the Communications Act of 1934, as Amended by the Telecommunications Act of 1996))))))	Case No. 2006-00296
Petition of Peoples Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc. for Arbitration of Certain Terms and Conditions of Proposed Interconnection Agreement With Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless, GTE Wireless of the Midwest Incorporated d/b/a Verizon Wireless, and Kentucky RSA No. 1 Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless, Pursuant to the Communications Act of 1934, as Amended by the Telecommunications Act of 1996))))))	Case No. 2006-00298
Petition of Thacker-Grigsby Telephone Company, Inc. for Arbitration of Certain Terms and Conditions of Proposed Interconnection Agreement With Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless, GTE Wireless of the Midwest Incorporated d/b/a Verizon Wireless, and Kentucky RSA No. 1 Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless, Pursuant to the Communications Act of 1934, as Amended by the Telecommunications Act of 1996)))))	Case No. 2006-00300

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DIRECT TESTIMONY

OF

RANDY G. FARRAR

ON BEHALF OF

SPRINT SPECTRUM L.P. AND SPRINTCOM, INC. D/B/A SPRINT PCS

AND THE CMRS PROVIDERS

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Filed September 29, 2006

1		I. INTRODUCTION
2	Q.	Please state your name, occupation, and business address.
3	A.	My name is Randy G. Farrar. I am presently a Senior Manager providing
4		interconnection support for Sprint Nextel. My business address is 6450 Sprint
5		Parkway, Overland Park, Kansas, 66251.
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7	Q.	What is your educational background?
8	A.	I received a Bachelor of Arts degree from The Ohio State University, Columbus,
9		Ohio, with a major in history. Simultaneously, I completed a major program in
10		economics. Subsequently, I received a Master of Business Administration degree,
11		with an emphasis on market research, also from The Ohio State University.
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13	Q.	Please summarize your work experience.
14	A.	I have worked for Sprint Nextel or one of its predecessor companies since 1983 in
15		the following capacities:
16		- 2005 to present Senior Manager – Interconnection Support. I provide
17		interconnection support, where I provide financial, economic, and policy
18		analysis concerning interconnection and reciprocal compensation issues.
19		- 1997 to 2005, Senior Manager – Network Costs. I was an instructor for numerous
20		training sessions on pricing and costing theory, and to educate and support the
21		use of various costing models. I was responsible for the development and
22		support of switching, transport, and financial cost models concerning

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1	reciprocal compensation, unbundled network elements, and wholesale
2	discounts.
3	- 1992 to 1997, Manager - Network Costing and Pricing. I performed financial
4	analyses for various business cases, analyzing the profitability of entering new
5	markets and expanding existing markets, including Custom Calling, Centrex,
6	CLASS and Advanced Intelligent Network features, CPE products, Public
7	Telephone and COCOT, and intraLATA toll. Within this time frame, I was a
8	member of the USTA's Economic Analysis Training Work Group (1994 to
9	1995).
10	- 1987 to 1992, Manager - Local Exchange Costing. Within this time frame I was a
11	member of the United States Telephone Association's (USTA) New Services
12	and Technologies Issues Subcommittee (1989 to 1992).
13	- 1986 to 1987, Manager - Local Exchange Pricing. I investigated alternate forms
14	of pricing and rate design, including usage sensitive rates, extended area
15	service alternatives, intraLATA toll pricing, and lifeline rates.
16	- 1983 to 1986, Manager - Rate of Return., which included presentation of written
17	and/or oral testimony before state public utilities commissions in Iowa,
18	Nebraska, South Carolina, and Oregon.
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20	I was employed by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio from 1978 to 1983.
21	My positions were Financial Analyst (1978 - 1980) and Senior Financial Analyst
22	(1980-1983). My duties included the preparation of Staff Reports of Investigation
23	concerning rate of return and cost of capital. I also designed rate structures,

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evaluated construction works in progress, measured productivity, evaluated 1 treatment of canceled plant, and performed financial analyses, for electric, gas, 2 telephone, and water utilities. I presented written and oral testimony on behalf of 3 the Commission Staff in over twenty rate cases.

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What are your responsibilities in your current position? **Q**. 6

I provide financial, economic and policy analysis concerning interconnection and A. 7 8 reciprocal compensation issues. Such analysis is provided in the context of supporting negotiations between Sprint Nextel entities to obtain interconnection 9 agreements with other telecommunications carriers and, where necessary, provide 10 expert witness testimony. In the performance of my responsibilities I must 11 maintain a working understanding of the interconnection and reciprocal 12 compensation provisions of the Communications Act of 1934 as amended by the 13 Telecommunications Act of 1996 ("the Act" or "the 1996 Act") and the resulting 14 rules and regulations of the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC"). 15

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Have you provided testimony before other regulatory agencies? Q.

Yes. In addition to my previously referenced testifying experience, since 1995 I A. 18 have presented written or oral testimony before the Illinois Commerce Commission, 19 the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, the New Jersey Board of Public 20 Utilities, the Florida Public Service Commission, the North Carolina Utilities 21 Commission, the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada, the Public Utility 22 Commission of Texas, the Georgia Public Service Commission, the Arizona 23

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1		Corporation Commission, the New York Public Service Commission, the
2		Corporation Commission of Oklahoma, the Missouri Public Service Commission,
3		the Virginia State Corporation Commission, the Iowa Utilities Board, and the
4		Federal Communications Commission on the avoided costs of resold services, the
5		cost of unbundled network elements, reciprocal compensation, access reform,
6		universal service, and local competition issues.
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8		II. PURPOSE AND SCOPE OF TESTIMONY
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10	Q.	What is the purpose of your Testimony?
11.	A.	To provide input to the Kentucky Public Service Commission ("Commission")
12		concerning the CMRS Providers' ¹ positions regarding various unresolved issues
13		associated with the establishment of Interconnection and Reciprocal Compensation
14		Agreements between the CMRS Providers and Petitioners ("the RLECs" ²).
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¹ Alltel Communications, Inc. ("Alltel"); American Cellular Corporation ("ACC"); New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC, successor to BellSouth Mobility LLC and BellSouth Personal Communications LLC and Cincinnati SMSA Limited Partnership d/b/a Cingular Wireless ("Cingular"); Sprint Spectrum L.P., on behalf of itself and SprintCom, Inc., d/b/a Sprint PCS ("Sprint PCS"); T-Mobile USA, Inc. Powertel/Memphis, Inc. and T-Mobile Central LLC ("T-Mobile"); Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless, GTE Wireless of the Midwest Incorporated, and Kentucky RSA No. 1 Partnership ("Verizon Wireless") (collectively "the CMRS Providers").

²Ballard Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc. ("Ballard"); Brandenburg Telephone Company ("Brandenburg"); Duo County Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc. ("Duo County"); Foothills Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc. ("Foothills"); Gearheart Communications Inc. d/b/a Coalfields Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc. ("Foothills"); Gearheart Communications Inc. d/b/a Coalfields Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc. ("Mountain"); North Central Telephone Cooperative Corporation ("North Central"); Peoples Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc. ("Peoples"); South Central Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc. ("South Central"); Thacker-Grigsby Telephone Company, Inc. ("Thacker-Grigsby"); and, West Kentucky Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc ("West Kentucky") (collectively "the RLECs"). Of the twelve RLECs, Sprint PCS currently has interconnection agreements with two RLECS (Brandenburg and South Central) and been named in one of the pending arbitration petitions filed by five of the RLECs (Ballard, Duo County, Logan, North Central and West Kentucky).

Q. What is the scope of your testimony?

2	A.	First, I am replying to the Preliminary Testimony of Mr. Steven E. Watkins, which I
3		understand was either filed on behalf of, or has generally been adopted by, each
4		RLEC. Second, to avoid repetition to the extent reasonably possible, the CMRS
5		Providers have each assumed primary responsibility for certain designated issues in
6		their respective testimony. In addition to providing Sprint PCS specific
7		information, I am providing testimony on behalf of all the CMRS Providers
8		regarding the following issues on the CMRS Providers' Issues Matrix:
9 10		Issue 7: If a direct connection is established between a CMRS Provider and an RLEC, what terms should apply?
11 12 13 14		Issue 8: Pursuant to 47 C.F.R § 51.703 and 51.709, what are the parties' obligations to pay for the costs of establishing and using direct interconnection facilities?
15 16 17 18		Issue 12: Should the Interconnection Agreement provide both reciprocal and net billing options?
19 20 21		Issue 13: If a CMRS Provider does not measure intercarrier traffic for reciprocal compensation purposes, what intraMTA traffic factors should apply?
22 23 24 25 26		Issue 21: How should the following terms be defined: "Central Office Switch," "Interconnection Point," "InterMTA Traffic," "Interexchange Carrier," "Multifrequency," "Rate Center," "Subject Traffic," "Telecommunications Traffic," "Termination," and "Transport."
28 27 28 29		Issue 24: Should the CMRS Providers be required to provide "rolling" six months' forecasts of "traffic and volume" requirements?
29 30 31 32		Issue 28: Should the CMRS Providers be allowed to expand their networks through management contracts?

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1 2		III. REPLY TO MR. STEVEN E. WATKINS' PRELIMINARY TESTIMONY
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4	Q.	Mr. Watkins generally contends that the RLECs should not be required to
5		prepare TELRIC costs studies and lists various reasons in support of the
6		RLECs' proposed transport and termination rate of \$.015. Do you agree with
7		Mr. Watkins' conclusions?
8	A.	No. The existing FCC Rules specifically address how an incumbent LEC's
9		reciprocal compensation transport and termination rates are to be established.
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11	Q.	How are incumbent LEC reciprocal compensation transport and termination
12		rates established under the FCC's Rules?
13	A.	The FCC Rules provide three methods to establish such rates: based upon forward-
14		looking economic costs (TELRIC studies) under 47 C.F.R. 51.705(a)(1), default
15		proxies under 47 C.F.R. § 51.705(a)(2), and bill-and-keep under 47 C.F.R. §
16		51.705(a)(3). The FCC's authority to mandate default proxies was subsequently
17		vacated. ³
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19	Q.	Have the RLECs provided forward-looking economic cost (TELRIC) studies?
20	A.	No. Thus the Commission cannot establish TELRIC-compliant reciprocal
21		compensation rates.
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³ See Iowa Utilities Bd. V. FCC, 219 F.3d (8th Cir. 2000).

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1	Q.	May the Commission adopt a bill-and-keep arrangement?
2	A.	Yes. Although the CMRS Providers are not necessarily requesting bill-and-keep, it
<u>3</u>		is certainly within the Commission's discretion to adopt a bill-and-keep
4		arrangement given that the RLECs have refused to provide TELRIC studies for
5		review by both the Commission and the CMRS Providers.
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7	Q.	In the absence of TELRIC studies or bill-and-keep, is there another option for
8		the Commission to use?
9	A.	Yes. The CMRS Providers believe that although the FCC cannot mandate their
10		use, the Commission may select the rates described in 47 C.F.R. § 51.707(b), if they
11		find the rates reasonable. The Commission may establish initial rates for reciprocal
12		compensation, without true-up, until that time when the RLECs fulfill their
13		statutory obligation to provide TELRIC studies.
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15	Q.	What would be the initial rate for termination?
16	A.	The rate for end office switching would be within the range $0.002 - 0.004$ per
17		MOU. This analysis will assume the mid-point of \$0.003 per MOU.
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19	Q.	How does this rate compare to the TELRIC switching rate for BellSouth in
20		Kentucky?

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1	A.	The Commission-approved TELRIC rate for end office switching is \$0.001197. ⁴
2		Thus an end office switching rate of \$0.003 for the RLECs would be two and one-
3		half times that of the BellSouth TELRIC rate.
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5	Q.	What would be the rate for transport?
6	A.	To the extent an RLEC utilizes its own stand-alone tandem switch, it would be
7		entitled to a tandem switching rate of \$0.0015, plus transport from the tandem
8		switch to the end office switch. The Commission-approved TELRIC rate for
9		BellSouth is \$0.000194. Thus a tandem switching rate of \$0.0015 for the RLECs
10		would be nearly eight times that of the BellSouth TELRIC rate.
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12		The methodology for transport is described in § 51.513(c)(4). This methodology
13		calls for a calculation that results in a specific transport rate that is:
14		no greater than the weighted per-minute equivalent of DS1 and DS3
15		interoffice dedicated transmission link rates that reflects the relative number
16		of DS1 and DS3 circuits used in tandem to end office links calculated using
17		a loading factor of 9,000 minutes per month per voice grade circuit
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19		Accordingly, this value will vary by company by state. Using the National
20		Exchange Carrier Association (NECA) rates for the RLECs, this rate would be
21		approximately \$0.000905 (See Attachment RGF-5).
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23	Q.	What initial rate for reciprocal compensation would be appropriate?

⁴ A Survey of Unbundled Network Element Prices in the United States (Updated March 2006); Billy Jack Gregg, Director, Consumer Advocate Division, Public Service Commission of West Virginia.

1	A.	Attachment RGF-1 shows a composite reciprocal compensation rate for all RLECs
2		of \$0.004932 under indirect interconnection, based upon the following components:
3		Tandem Switching – A rate of \$0.0015 for those RLECs with a stand-alone
4		tandem, which would apply to approximately 25.43% of all traffic.
5		End Office Switching – A rate of \$0.0030 for all MOU.
6		Transport – A rate of \$0.000905 for all transport from the meet point at the
7		exchange boundary to the RLEC tandem or end office; plus the same rate for
8		tandem to end office transport, which would apply to approximately 25.43%
9		of all traffic; plus the same rate for end office to remote transport, which
10		would apply to approximately 46.02% of all traffic.
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12		Attachment RGF-2 illustrates the application of these rate elements, including when
13		the RLEC has a stand-alone tandem switch, and when it does not.
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15		The CMRS providers would, in turn, be entitled to symmetrically apply such a
16		reciprocal compensation rate.
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18	Q.	Mr. Watkins provides several reasons why the RLECs proposed a \$.015 rate.
19		Do you have a reply to each of these reasons?
20	A.	Yes. My response addresses why each of his "reasons" for a 1.5 cent rate is not
21		reasonable, not TELRIC-compliant, or both.
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1	Q.	What is your reply to Mr. Watkins' reason #1 that "the 1.5 cent rate proposal
2		is simply a continuation of the existing rate"?
3	A.	The rate used in the parties' 2004 Agreement is completely irrelevant to the
4		establishment of an appropriate TELRIC rate under the Act and FCC's Rules. The
5		parties' 2004 Agreement is not an "interconnection arrangement" as contemplated
6		by the Act. It does not provide for any reciprocal, symmetrical compensation to the
7		CMRS Providers and, by its terms, it expressly contemplated resolution of
8		interconnection issues in a manner consistent with the Act.
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10		Furthermore, it is common for carriers to agree to terms they would not ordinarily
11		agree to in order to get into a specific market. In other words, companies make
12		business decisions that include a cost/benefit analysis knowing that once they are in
13		the market the unfavorable terms they agreed to can be changed in subsequent
14		negotiations.
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16	Q.	What is your reply to Mr. Watkins' reason #2 that "the 1.5 cent rate is
17		consistent with at least some, and perhaps the majority, of existing
18		interconnection agreements that the [RLECs] have in place with some of the
19		CMRS providers"?
20	A.	Mr. Watkins does not claim that \$.015 is in any RLEC – CMRS agreement by
21		virtue of a supporting TELRIC study. Without a TELRIC-compliant study, the
22		\$0.015 rate is apparently a <i>negotiated</i> rate. The rate for reciprocal compensation is
23		only one of many terms to consider in an interconnection agreement. The entire

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1		purpose of the negotiation process is to create a give-and-take atmosphere which
2		allows the parties to reach consensus on an integrated interconnection agreement
3		both can support. Sprint PCS has executed many interconnection agreements with
4		rates which, standing on their own, Sprint PCS would not consider appropriate
5		when viewed independently from the overall terms of the contract. It is simply not
6		reasonable to conclude that the mere fact a certain rate appears in a negotiated
7		contract, taken out-of-context of the entire agreement and stripped of any other
8		benefits obtained in negotiations, will still be considered acceptable by either party
9		on a stand alone basis.
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11	Q.	What is your reply to Mr. Watkins' reason #3 that the \$.015 rate should be
11 12	Q.	What is your reply to Mr. Watkins' reason #3 that the \$.015 rate should be used because (a) the [RLEC's] have not conducted TELRIC studies and "(b)
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12	Q.	used because (a) the [RLEC's] have not conducted TELRIC studies and "(b)
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12 13 14		used because (a) the [RLEC's] have not conducted TELRIC studies and "(b) there is no requirement at this time for the [RLECs] to conduct to conduct such complex cost studies"?
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⁵ Commission Order, Case No. 2006-00215, Appendix C (July 25, 2006).

⁶ See e.g. Commission Order, Cases No. 2006-00215, Appendix A (August 18, 2006)

1		entirely consistent with the already discussed FCC Rules that do in fact require
2		TELRIC studies. 47 C.F.R. §§ 51.705(a)(1), 51.505 and 51.511.
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4	Q.	What is your reply to Mr. Watkins' reason #4 that "the proposed composite
5		1.5 cent per minute of use rate for the functions of transport and termination is
б		comparable to the combined [RLECs'] interstate access rates for these same
7		functions"?
8	A.	Mr. Watkins' conclusion is undocumented and totally irrelevant. The use of access
9		rates is inappropriate for reciprocal compensation purposes because the access rates
10		have not been based on cost. Historically, access rates were set at above-cost levels
11		under monopoly-era policies to subsidize below-cost basic residential retail rates.
12		Because of the U.S. policy shift to enable competition, Congress and the FCC
13	J	rejected applying access rates to local interconnection and traffic exchanged
14		between new entrants and incumbents because they correctly understood that such a
15		practice would hinder competition. The Act and FCC rules require cost-based rates
16		for reciprocal compensation, not access rates.
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18	Q.	What is your reply to Mr. Watkins' reason #5 that " the resulting (TELRIC)
19		rates would likely be greater than both the 1.5 cent per minute proposal and
20		the existing interstate access rates"?
21	A.	My experience producing TELRIC-compliant studies for rural telephone companies
22		has never produced switching costs as high as \$.015. To the extent the RLECs
23		believe their TELRIC rates would be greater than \$0.015 or interstate access, they

1		had the opportunity to produce TELRIC studies to prove this claim. At present, Mr.
2		Watkins' statement is completely without support and the Commission should not
3		afford it any weight.
4		
5	Q.	Do you have personal experience producing TELRIC-compliant studies for
6		rural telephone companies?
7	A.	Yes. From 1996 through 2005, I was personally involved in producing TELRIC-
8		compliant studies for local telephone companies which made up the Sprint Nextel
9		(or its predecessors) local telephone division. ⁷ Sprint Nextel's local telephone
10		division consisted of eighteen local telephone companies which served operating
11		territories in eighteen states. The majority of these territories were rural in nature.
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13	Q.	Please describe the results of these TELRIC studies for rural telephone
14		companies.
15	A.	Since these companies have been divested, I am no longer involved in the
16		production of TELRIC studies for those companies, and previous cost studies are
17		proprietary to those divested companies. However, my experience with TELRIC
18		studies for rural telephone companies did not result in rates as high as \$0.015, as
19		suggested by Mr. Watkins.
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⁷ During this past year, Sprint Nextel's local telephone division which encompassed such rural local companies was divested from Sprint Nextel and is now a separate company.

1	Q.	What is your reply to Mr. Watkins' reason #6 that the proposed rate of \$.015
2		is reasonable when compared to the "Missoula Plan" filed with the FCC in CC
3		Docket 01-92?
4	A.	The Missoula Plan has not been adopted by the FCC, has not been endorsed by
5		NARUC, and is opposed by consumer groups and many in the industry which
б		believe, among other things, that the rates proposed for RLECs are unreasonable.
7		Moreover, the "Missoula Plan" attempts to overhaul all intercarrier compensation
8		including requirements that the RLECs significantly reduce their access rates and
9		increase their subscriber line charges. It appears that Mr. Watkins wants the
10		Commission to adopt one specific portion of the "Missoula Plan" that the RLECs
11		like without consideration for the parts of the proposal the RLECs might not like.
12		The Commission should reject this approach.
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14	Q.	What is your reply to Mr. Watkins' reason #7 that " the FCC also doubts, as
15		a fundamental matter, the efficacy of the TELRIC study approach." Is this
16		correct?
17	A.	No. Mr. Watkins has merely taken several FCC statements out-of-context to
18		support the RLECs refusal to perform TELRIC studies as ordered by the
19		Commission. The FCC proceeding Mr. Watkins is referring to deals specifically
20		with Unbundled Network Elements (UNEs) and Resale, not reciprocal
21		compensation. That proceeding has never been concluded, so any observations
22		made by Mr. Watkins have never been recognized in an FCC Order. Contrary to

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1		Mr. Watkins' claim, given recent legal activity and FCC Orders concerning UNEs,
2		this FCC proceeding may never be concluded.
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4	Q.	What is your reply to Mr. Watkins' reason #8 that a rate of \$.015 should
5		apparently be used because " there was no effective chance for the [RLECs]
6		to resolve any of the issues with the CMRS providers"?
7	A.	Mr. Watkins appears to be attempting to place blame for failure to reach a
8		negotiated settlement on the CMRS Providers; and, it is not clear how such an
9		accusation has any role to play in establishing appropriate RLEC rates under the
10		Act and FCC's Rules. With respect to any failure to engage in good-faith
11		negotiations, the CMRS Providers have previously provided sworn statements to
12		clearly explain the difficulties experienced in attempting to negotiate with the
13		RLECs. ⁸
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15		IV. DISCUSSION OF CMRS PROVIDERS' ISSUES MATRIX
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17 18 19		Issue 7: If a direct connection is established between a CMRS Provider and an RLEC, what terms should apply?
20	Q.	What is "direct" interconnection?
21	A.	Direct interconnection describes the scenario in which a CMRS Provider's mobile
22		switching center ("MSC") is physically connected to another telecommunications
23		carrier's switch for the exchange of traffic without using the switching function and

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⁸ See Consolidated Response of CMRS Providers to Motions to Approve Interconnection Agreements Cases 2006-00215, 2006-00217, 2006-00218, 2006-00220 filed August 7, 2006.

1		common transport of a third-party telecommunications carrier. In the case of
2		CMRS - RLEC direct interconnection, the direct connection is typically between
3		the CMRS MSC and the RLEC's end office switch; or, if the RLEC has one,
4		between the CMRS MSC and the RLEC tandem switch. A direct connection
5		utilizes a dedicated transport facility to connect the two parties' respective
6		networks.
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8	Q.	What contract terms do the CMRS Providers propose regarding the use of
9		direct connection?
10	A.	The CMRS Providers propose the following contract language be used in section
11		"4.1 Methods of Interconnection" to describe how "Direct Interconnection"
12		(subsection 4.1.1) may be implemented between the parties:
13 14 15 16 17		4.1.1.1 Either Party may elect to provision one-way direct interconnection facilities for the delivery of its originated Telecommunications Traffic to the terminating Party's network. In that event, the originating party will be responsible for 100% of the recurring and non-recurring costs associated with those facilities.
18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25		4.1.1.2 At CMRS Provider's request, the Parties will provide two-way direct interconnection facilities between their networks with each Party being responsible for the recurring and non-recurring facility costs based upon each Party's respective proportionate use of the facilities used to deliver traffic originated on that Party's network. In the absence of actual measured traffic, the traffic factors provided for in Appendix A will be used to determine each Party's proportionate use of the facilities for these purposes.
26 27 28 29 30 31 32		4.1.1.3 To the extent that the LEC provisions all, or part, of the two-way facilities, the facilities cost will be based on LEC's effective intrastate access tariff for connecting facilities. The CMRS Provider will be responsible only for its proportionate share of those costs as set forth in (4.1.1.2) above.4.1.1.4 To the extent the CMRS Provider provisions all or part of these
33		facilities, the facilities cost will be based on the actual rates charged by or to

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1 2 3		the CMRS Provider. The LEC will be responsible only for its proportionate share of those costs as set forth in $(4.1.1.2)$ above.
4	Q.	What are the substantive differences between the CMRS Providers' proposed
5		language and the RLEC's proposed language?
6	A.	The CMRS Providers' language permits either party to use 1-way facilities (4.1.1.1)
7		subject to a CMRS Provider's right to request the use of 2-way facilities (4.1.1.2).
8		The RLECs' language conditions the use of 2-way facilities upon "mutual
9		agreement" (RLEC original 4.1.1.1).
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11	Q.	Why should the selection of whether to use a one-way or two-way facility be
12		made by the CMRS Provider instead of mutually?
13	A.	Interconnection facilities should be allowed to be provisioned in the most efficient
14		manner possible. Generally, a two-way facility is more efficient than two,
15		individual, one-way facilities and is mutually beneficial to both parties. The FCC
16		recognized and addressed this situation in the First Report and Order, concluding
17		that where a requesting carrier:
18		does not carry a sufficient amount of traffic to justify separate one-way
19		trunks, an incumbent LEC must accommodate two-way trunking upon request
20		where technically feasible. Refusing to provide two-way trunking would raise
21		costs for new entrants and create a barrier to entry. Thus we conclude that if
22		two-way trunking is technically feasible, it would not be just, reasonable, and
23		nondiscriminatory for the incumbent LEC to refuse to provide it.9
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⁹ In Re: Implementation of the Local Competition Provision of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, and Interconnection between Local Exchange Carriers and Commercial Mobile Radio Service Providers, Order No. FCC 96-325, CC Docket Nos. 96-98 and 95-185, paragraph 219 (Released Aug. 8, 1996).

1		It is clear from this passage that the FCC correctly recognized the different
2		motivations of incumbent LECs and new entrants in establishing interconnection.
3		The FCC correctly provided for new entrants, not incumbent LECs, to determine
4		the most efficient and economical method of interconnection.
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6	Q.	What are the substantive distinctions between the CMRS Providers' section
7		4.1 language and the RLECs' original section 5.2?
8	A.	The CMRS Providers' language contemplates the possibility that either party may
9		provide the direct interconnection facility, either because it is part of the providing
10		party's core network or it may be obtained via a third-party provider. In either case,
11		the party that provides the facility is entitled to charge the non-providing party for
12		the non-providing party's proportionate use of such facility. In contrast, the
13		RLECs' original section 5.2 requires the CMRS Provider to obtain connecting
14		facilities from the RLEC.
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16	Q.	Is it likely that an RLEC is ever in a position to provide 100% of a direct
17		interconnection facility to link the parties' respective networks?
18	A.	No. The reality is that even if the RLEC is the providing party, it is likely to only
19		be in a position to provide the portion of the facility that is within its geographic
20		service area. To the extent the CMRS Provider either obtains the remaining portion
21		of the dedicated facility from a third-party provider (e.g., an RBOC or alternative
22		access provider) outside the RLEC local service territory, or is even able to obtain
23		facilities at a better price from a third-party provider within the RLEC territory, the

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1		RLEC is responsible for its use of the intraMTA portion of dedicated
2		interconnection facilities that are provided by the CMRS Provider. ¹⁰
3 4 5 6 7		Issue 8. Pursuant to 47 C.F.R § 51.703 and 51.709, what are the parties' obligations to pay for the costs of establishing and using direct interconnection facilities?
8	Q.	How should the cost of two-way direct interconnection facilities be shared
9		between the two carriers?
10	A.	The FCC rules explicitly contemplate that this cost should be shared between the
11		two carriers based on their respective proportionate use of that facility. 47 C.F.R. §
12		51.709(b) states:
13 14 15 16 17 18		The rate of a carrier providing transmission facilities dedicated to the transmission of traffic between two carriers' networks shall recover only the costs of the proportion of that trunk capacity used by an interconnecting carrier to send traffic that will terminate on the providing carrier's network. Such proportions may be measured during peak periods.
19		Accordingly, the cost of the dedicated facility between the two networks is
20		apportioned between the Parties based on their relative use of such facility. The
21		charges for such dedicated transport facility links are to be flat-rated, ¹¹ based on the
22		forward looking costing standard as prescribed by 47 C.F.R §§ 51.505, 51.511, and
23		are based upon the Parties' proportional use of the dedicated facility. ¹² If a Party
24		utilizes a one-way facility to deliver its originating traffic to a terminating Party,

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¹⁰ See In Re: TSR Wireless, LLC, et al., v. US West Communications, Inc. et al., Order No. FCC 00-194 (Released June 21, 2000) (originating LEC is responsible for cost to deliver its originated traffic to terminating CMRS carrier within the MTA); see also 47 C.F.R. 51.703(b).

¹¹ 47 C.F.R. 51.509(c).

¹² 47 C.F.R. 51.709(b).

1		then the proportional use rules require the originating Party to pay one-hundred
2		percent (100%) of that facility cost. If the Parties utilize a two-way direct
3		interconnection facility, then the proportional use rule requires the Parties to split
4		the cost based on their percentage of originated traffic.
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6	Q.	Are the CMRS Providers seeking direct interconnection facilities at TELRIC-
7		based rates?
8	A.	No. Although the CMRS Providers believe the FCC Rules provide for TELRIC-
9		based interconnection facility pricing, the CMRS Providers are proposing to pay for
10		their proportionate use of an RLEC provided facility based on the RLEC's
11		"effective intrastate access tariff for connecting facilities" (CMRS Section 4.1.1.3).
12 13 14 15		Issue 12: Should the Interconnection Agreement provide both reciprocal and net billing options?
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1	А.	Yes. According to the RLEC Position in the CMRS Providers' Issues Matrix, it
2		appears the RLECs have accepted the CMRS Providers' proposed language for
3		Issue 12.
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6 7 8 9		Issue 13: If a CMRS Provider does not measure intercarrier traffic for reciprocal compensation purposes, what intraMTA traffic factors should apply?
10	Q.	What language do the CMRS Providers propose for Issue 13?
11	A.	The CMRS Providers propose the following contract intraMTA traffic factor
12		language be used in section 5.5 (<i>italicized</i> language pertains to factors), and the
13		appropriate factor included in Appendix A:
14		Either party may measure or obtain industry standard records (e.g. EMI 11-
15		01-01 records) summarizing Telecommunications Traffic between the parties. Industry standard records shall be used by LEC for billing purposes until such
16 17		time that LEC switching equipment can be verified as capable of accurately
18		measuring CMRS Provider originated Telecommunications Traffic including
19		but not limited to identifying and removing any mobile to land usage
20		terminated to LEC that is associated with calls from pooled and ported
21		numbers that are not assigned to CMRS Provider or for which LEC is directly
22		compensated by the party that delivers such traffic. The Parties agree that a
23		CMRS Provider that does not measure traffic terminated on its network
24		pursuant to this Section will calculate its bill to be rendered to the other
25		Party based on the distribution traffic factors provided in Appendix A . To
26		the extent that the Parties rely on industry standard records or reports, the
27		Parties agree to accept those reports or records as an accurate statement of
28		Traffic exchanged between the Parties. Either Party may perform an audit of
29		the other Party's billing information related to terminating minutes of use of
30		the billed Party. The Parties agree that such audits shall be performed no
31		more than one time per calendar year. Each Party shall bear its own expenses
32		associated with such audit. The audits shall be conducted on the premises of
33		the audited Party during normal business hours. [Emphasis added.]
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35	Q.	What is a reasonable intraMTA traffic factor to be used in this proceeding?

1	A.	To the extent parties cannot verifiably measure terminating intraMTA traffic, traffic
2		studies should be performed to develop company specific traffic factors to be used
3		by the parties. In the absence of such studies, it is the CMRS Providers' general
4		experience that a default intraMTA traffic factor ratio of 70% mobile-to-land and
5		30% land-to-mobile is reasonable, has been used in other proceedings, and should
6		be utilized until such studies are performed. If the parties cannot reach agreement
7		based upon traffic studies, they can elect to pursue the dispute resolution process
8		provided in section 14.9.
9 10 11 12 13 14		Issue 21: How should the following terms be defined: "Central Office Switch," <u>["Interconnection,"</u>] "Interconnection Point," "InterMTA Traffic," "Interexchange Carrier," "Multifrequency," "Rate Center," "Subject Traffic," "Telecommunications Traffic," "Termination," and "Transport."
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2		2) Interconnection
3	Q.	In preparing your testimony did you discover that the additional term
4		"Interconnection" should have been included but was apparently inadvertently
5		left out of the definitions listed in Issue 21 on the CMRS Providers' Issues
6		Matrix?
7	A.	Yes. The RLECs' original section 1.12 definition of "Interconnection" was also
8		redlined in the cumulative proposed redline of the "Selent Template" attached as
9		Exhibit E to the CMRS Providers' Consolidated Response to Arbitration Petitions
10		filed July 7, 2006 in Case No. 2006-00215. The intent of the Matrix was to identify
11		each definition that the CMRS Providers had redlined in the order that it appeared
12		in Exhibit E. Accordingly, I am also addressing the CMRS Providers' redline of
13		the RLECs' section 1.12 "Interconnection" definitions.
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15	Q.	How do the CMRS Providers want the term "Interconnection" defined?
16	A.	In light of the fundamental dispute between the Parties regarding the CMRS
17		Providers' ability to indirectly interconnect and exchange traffic with the RLECs,
18		the CMRS Providers seek a definition that is consistent with FCC rules which
19		expressly acknowledges that "Interconnection" encompasses both direct and
20		indirect interconnection for the exchange of traffic between the parties.
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22	Q.	What is the basis for the CMRS Providers' proposed definition?

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1	A.	The CMRS Providers definition is derived from combining pertinent portions of the
2		following two FCC "Interconnection" definitions, respectively found at 47 C.F.R.
3		§§ 51.5 and 20.3:
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5		<i>Interconnection</i> is the linking of two networks for the mutual exchange of traffic. This term does not include the transport and termination of traffic.
7 8 9 10 11 12		<i>Interconnection or Interconnected.</i> Direct or indirect connection through automatic or manual means (by wire, microwave, or other technologies such as store and forward) to permit the transmission or reception of messages or signals to or from points in the public switched network.
13	Q.	What is the CMRS Providers' proposed "Interconnection" definition?
14	A.	The CMRS Providers propose the following:
15 16 17 18		1.12 "Interconnection" for purposes of this Agreement refers to the direct or indirect linking of the CMRS Provider and LEC networks for the delivery of traffic.
19		3) Interconnection Point
20	Q.	Do the CMRS Providers agree with the RLECs' definition and use of
21		"Interconnection Point"?
22	A.	No. The term was defined by the RLECs as follows:
23 24 25 26		1.13 "Interconnection Point" or "IP" is a demarcation point on the incumbent network of LEC between networks where the delivery of traffic from one Party to the other Party takes place pursuant to this Agreement.
27	Q.	What problems exist with the RLECs' definition?
28	A.	There are five problems with the RLEC Interconnection Point definition and how it
29		is used. First, the phrase "point on the network of LEC between networks" makes

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Q. What is the second problem?

Actual exchange of traffic between the parties' networks does not "take place" at A. 3 the same end of an Interconnection facility. RLEC originated traffic is delivered to 4 the CMRS Provider at the CMRS Provider end of a direct interconnection facility, 5 and CMRS Provider originated traffic is delivered to an RLEC at the RLEC end of 6 a direct interconnection facility. In the case of indirect interconnection, each 7 terminating Party receives traffic at the point that their respective network is 8 interconnected with the third party. To suggest that an interconnection point is at 9 the same place and that place is only on the RLEC network is simply a veiled 10 attempt to shift the cost of interconnection facilities to CMRS Providers by 11 attempting to construe such costs as being encompassed within reciprocal 12 compensation charges. 13

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15 **Q.** What is the third problem?

A. The qualifying phrase at the end of the definition limits any delivered traffic to that
which "takes place pursuant to this Agreement" is subject to the fundamental
dispute between the parties regarding direct and indirect interconnection. The
RLECs cannot compel direct connection to be the only means of exchanging traffic
"pursuant to [the] Agreement."

Q. What is the fourth problem?

1	A.	Even where the RLECs purport to offer "indirect interconnection" in their original
2		section 4.1.2, they still require a third-party carrier to install dedicated facilities to
3		an RLEC designated Interconnection Point (i.e., direct connection) and the CMRS
4		Provider to bear 100% of the cost of such facilities, which is contrary to the
5		principle discussed in the testimony of CMRS Provider witnesses Messrs. Don
6		Wood and William Brown that the originating party is responsible for third-party
7		costs associated with the delivery of that party's traffic to a terminating party's
8		network ¹³
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10	Q.	What is the fifth problem?
11	A.	And finally, even in the case where a CMRS Provider may request direct
12		connection, contrary to FCC Rules, the RLECs proposed in their original section
13		4.1.1 that Interconnection Points would be "as established by LEC". Pursuant to 47
14		C.F.R. § 51.305(a)(2) a LEC is required to provide a requesting carrier
15		interconnection as "any technically feasible point", not merely where the LEC may
16		choose to establish such points.
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18	Q.	Do the CMRS Providers see any reason to include an "Interconnection Point"
19		definition?
20	A.	No, and there is no express definition of term in the FCC's Rules. Interconnection
21		points are simply the respective end points of the "Interconnection" facilities that

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¹³ RLECs' original 4.1.2 stated: "Indirect Interconnection. CMRS Provider shall be permitted to use a third party carrier's facilities for purposes of establishing interconnection indirectly with LEC at the IP(s). In such case, on behalf of CMRS Provider, the third party carrier will connect dedicated facilities with LEC at the IP(s). CMRS Provider shall be responsible for the payment to any third party carrier for any charges associated with the facilities." [Emphasis added].

1		are respectively used by both parties to link each party's switch to the other party's
2		switch. The purpose served by the reference to a single, undefined "interconnection
3		point" in the FCC's definition of "Transport" at 47 C.F.R. 51.701(c) is to simply
4		distinguish the terminating LEC's network from the "linking" interconnections
5		facilities (which are separate from reciprocal compensation) for the purpose of
6		determining the "Transport" piece of reciprocal compensation.
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8		4) Interexchange Carrier
9	Q.	Is there any need for a definition of the term "Interexchange Carrier?"
10	A.	No. The only reason this term is in the Agreement is because the RLECs expressly
11		seek to avoid paying reciprocal compensation to CMRS Providers for intraMTA
12		traffic originated on an RLEC network that it hands off to an Interexchange Carrier
13		for delivery to the CMRS Provider network (i.e., RLEC-originated 1+ intraMTA
14		traffic). ¹⁴ The RLECs' obligation to pay reciprocal compensation for such traffic is
15		encompassed within CMRS Provider Matrix Issue 9, which is specifically
16		addressed in the testimony of CMRS Provider witness Mr. David Conn. Since all
17		intraMTA traffic is subject to reciprocal compensation, the RLECs' argument is
18		invalid and renders the definition of "Interexchange Carrier" unnecessary.
19		Accordingly, it should be struck from the Agreement.
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21		5) Inter-MTA Traffic

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¹⁴ See RLEC original proposed 3.3(b) that seeks to exclude from the Agreement "traffic that either Party originates to, or terminates from, an interexchange carrier regardless of the originating and terminating end points of a call."

1	Q.	How should the term "Inter-MTA Traffic" be defined?
2	A.	The CMRS Providers seek to clarify the RLEC definition to make it consistent with
3		47 C.F.R. § 51.701(b)(2) by expressly recognizing that categorization of a call as an
4		inter-MTA call is based on the end points of the call at the time the call is
5		originated.
6		
7	Q.	What definition do the CMRS Providers propose for "Inter-MTA Traffic?"
8	A.	The CMRS Providers propose the following:
9 10		1.15 "Inter-MTA Traffic" is: (a) traffic, that at the beginning of the call, is originated by a CMRS end user of CMRS Provider in one MTA and is
11 12		terminated to an end user of LEC in another MTA; or (b) traffic, that at the beginning of the call, is originated by an end user of LEC in one MTA and is
13		terminated to an end user of CMRS Provider in another MTA.
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15		6) Multifrequency
16	Q.	Does the Agreement need a "Multifrequency" definition?
17	A.	No. Other than in the 1.18 definition itself, the term "multifrequency" does not
18		appear to be used anywhere else in the Agreement. It is, therefore, unnecessary and
19		should be struck.
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21	Q.	Have the RLECs accepted the CMRS Providers' proposal to strike the term
22		"Multifrequency?"
23	A.	Yes. According to the RLEC Position in the CMRS Providers' Issues Matrix, the
24		RLECs have accepted the CMRS Providers' proposal to strike the term
25		"Multifrequency."
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1		7) Rate Center
2	Q.	How should the term "Rate Center" be defined?
3	A.	There should be no restrictions on the ability of the CMRS providers to connect
4		either directly or indirectly to the RLECs, as discussed in the Direct Testimonies of
5		CMRS Provider witnesses Messrs. Don Wood and William Brown. Accordingly,
6		the definition of Rate Center should not contain language that could be construed in
7		a manner that impinges upon a CMRS Providers interconnection rights.
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9	Q.	What are the CMRS Providers' concerns regarding the RLECs' "Rate
10		Center" definition?
11	A.	The CMRS Providers do not know the intended meaning or scope of the sentence,
12		"The Rate Center point must be located within the Rate Center area." To the extent
13		the sentence remained in the Agreement the CMRS Providers' have concern that
14		the sentence could be construed to equate a "Rate Center point" with an
15		interconnection point (as the RLECs use the term, coupled with their view that
16		direct interconnection is required), which may lead to dialing parity disputes.
17		Specifically, the CMRS Providers are concerned the language may be cited by an
18		RLEC to contend a CMRS Provider must directly connect in a given LEC Rate
19		Center before the LEC will route seven or ten-digit dialed calls to a CMRS Provider
20		NPA-NXX associated with that Rate Center in the LERG.
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22	Q.	What do the CMRS Providers propose?

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1	A.	The CMRS Providers propose to strike the sentence "The Rate Center point must be
2		located within the Rate Center area;" and, also reserve their right to seek to request
3		further modification of the "Rate Center" definition to make it consistent with the
4		Commission's final decision regarding the CMRS Providers' dialing parity and
5		interconnection rights.
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7		8) Telecommunications Traffic / Subject Traffic
8	Q.	What is the issue regarding the use of the CMRS Providers' proposed term
9		"Telecommunications Traffic" as opposed to the RLECs' original proposed
10		term "Subject Traffic?"
11	A.	The fundamental purpose of the Parties' respectively proposed terms is to label and
12		define the scope of traffic for which the originating party will owe and pay the
13		terminating party reciprocal compensation pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 251(b)(5). As
14		already discussed, there should be no restrictions in any of the terms and conditions
15		of the Agreement upon the CMRS Providers' rights to Interconnect and exchange
16		traffic with the RLECs on either a direct or indirect basis. The RLECs' "Subject
17		Traffic" definition is contrary to this fundamental concern in that it seeks to
18		expressly limit the scope of traffic that is subject to reciprocal compensation under
19		§ 251(b)(5) to traffic that "is delivered by either Party over the connecting facilities
20		covered by this Agreement." As the RLECs' Agreement was originally written,
21		this means only traffic that is exchanged over direct connection facilities, or direct
22		connection facilities of a third party for which a CMRS Provider must bear 100% of
23		the cost, would be compensable. The Commission should reject the RLEC

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1		language. Whether traffic is delivered through direct or indirect interconnection, it
2		is subject to symmetrical, reciprocal compensation.
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4	Q.	What is the CMRS Providers' rationale for using the term
5		"Telecommunications Traffic" instead of "Subject Traffic" to identify
6		251(b)(5) traffic that is subject to reciprocal compensation under the
7		Agreement?
8	A.	"Telecommunications traffic" is a term used and defined by the FCC in § 51.701(a)
9		and (b)(2) to identify traffic that is subject to $\S 251(b)(5)$ reciprocal compensation.
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11	Q.	How does the FCC define Telecommunications traffic?
12	A.	FCC Rule 51.701(a) and (b)(2) states:
13 14 15	A.	FCC Rule 51.701(a) and (b)(2) states:(a) The provisions of this subpart apply to reciprocal compensation for transport and termination of telecommunications traffic between LECs and other telecommunications carriers.
13 14 15 16 17 18	А.	(a) The provisions of this subpart apply to reciprocal compensation for transport and termination of telecommunications traffic between LECs and
13 14 15 16 17	Α.	 (a) The provisions of this subpart apply to reciprocal compensation for transport and termination of telecommunications traffic between LECs and other telecommunications carriers. (b) <i>Telecommunications traffic</i>. For purposes of this subpart,
13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22	А. Q.	 (a) The provisions of this subpart apply to reciprocal compensation for transport and termination of telecommunications traffic between LECs and other telecommunications carriers. (b) <i>Telecommunications traffic</i>. For purposes of this subpart, telecommunications traffic means: (2) Telecommunications traffic exchanged between a LEC and a CMRS provider that, at the beginning of the call, originates and terminates within the
13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23		 (a) The provisions of this subpart apply to reciprocal compensation for transport and termination of telecommunications traffic between LECs and other telecommunications carriers. (b) <i>Telecommunications traffic</i>. For purposes of this subpart, telecommunications traffic means: (2) Telecommunications traffic exchanged between a LEC and a CMRS provider that, at the beginning of the call, originates and terminates within the same Major Trading Area, as defined in § 24.202(a) of this chapter.
13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 23		 (a) The provisions of this subpart apply to reciprocal compensation for transport and termination of telecommunications traffic between LECs and other telecommunications carriers. (b) <i>Telecommunications traffic</i>. For purposes of this subpart, telecommunications traffic means: (2) Telecommunications traffic exchanged between a LEC and a CMRS provider that, at the beginning of the call, originates and terminates within the same Major Trading Area, as defined in § 24.202(a) of this chapter.

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1		sentence of the RLECs' original "Subject Traffic" definition and replace it with the
2		following definition:
3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10		1.22 Telecommunications Traffic," as defined in 47 C.F.R. § 51.701(b)(2), is traffic exchanged between a LEC and a CMRS Provider that, at the beginning of the call, originates and terminates within the same Major Trading Area. The definition and use of the term "Telecommunications Traffic" for purposes of calculating reciprocal compensation that may be due under this agreement has no effect on the definition of local traffic or the geographic area associated with local calling under either Party's respective end user service offerings.
11		9) Termination / Transport
12	Q.	How do the CMRS Providers propose to define "Termination" and
13		"Transport"?
14	A.	Since both "Termination" and "Transport" are terms expressly defined by FCC
15		Rules 51.701(c) (Transport) and (d) (Termination), the CMRS Providers propose to
16		strike the RLECs' definitions and simply replace them with the following:
17		1.25 "Termination" is as defined by FCC Regulations.
18		1.26 "Transport" is as defined by FCC Regulations.
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20	Q.	Have the RLECs accepted the CMRS Providers' proposed definitions for
21		"Termination" and "Transport?"
22	A.	Yes. According to the RLEC Position in the CMRS Providers' Issues Matrix, the
23		RLECs have accepted the CMRS Providers' proposed definitions for "Termination"
24		and "Transport."
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26 27 28		Issue 24: Should the CMRS Providers be required to provide "rolling" six months' forecasts of "traffic and volume" requirements?

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1	Q.	What language do the CMRS Providers propose for Issue 24?
2	A.	The CMRS Providers propose to strike any language concerning traffic and volume
3		forecasts.
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5	Q:	Why do the CMRS Providers believe "rolling" six months' forecasts of "traffic
6		and volume" requirements are unnecessary?
7	А.	First, to the extent a CMRS Provider is exchanging traffic with an RLEC on an
8		indirect basis, to the extent traffic forecasts are needed at all, it would be forecasts
9		exchanged between the two carriers that are directly connected – the intermediate
10		transiting carrier and the RLEC, not the originating CMRS Provider and the RLEC.
11		Second, if direct connections are established, the practical reality is that
12		augmentations to direct connections between a CMRS Provider and a Rural LEC
13		are likely to occur on a very gradual, case-by-case basis, without a real need
14		existing for mandatory "rolling" six month forecasts.
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16		Issue 28: Should the CMRS Providers be allowed to expand their networks
17		through management contracts?
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19	Q.	What language do the CMRS Providers propose for Issue 13?
20	A.	The CMRS Providers propose the following contract Management Contracts
21		language be used in section 4.4:
22		Management Contracts. Nothing in this Agreement shall prohibit CMRS
23		Carrier from enlarging its CMRS network through management contracts with
24		third parties for the construction and operation of a CMRS system under the
25		CMRS Carrier's license. Telecommunications traversing on such extended
26		networks shall be deemed to be and treated under this Agreement as "CMRS
27		Provider's Telecommunications" when it originates on such extended network

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1 2 and terminates on LEC's network, and as "LEC's Telecommunications" when it originates upon LEC's network and terminates upon such extended network.

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Q. What is the purpose of the CMRS Providers' proposed section 4.4 language?

A. A CMRS Provider may extend its network through various means. Common 5 examples of network expansion include: a) a CMRS Provider building out its 6 existing network on its own without any involvement of another carrier or third-7 party; b) purchasing another carrier's existing network; c) using a third party to 8 simply construct, i.e. "build out", but the third party does not retain any 9 management functions for the network extension; or, d) some combination of 10 network build out and network management by a third party. Under any of these 11 scenarios, the wireless link between the cell tower and mobile handset, and the 12 interconnection that must occur between the network and the Public Switched 13 Telephone Network ("PSTN") to result in the offering of wireless service, occurs 14 pursuant to the use of the CMRS Provider's licensed spectrum. As licensee, the 15 CMRS Provider remains responsible for the interconnection of an extended 16 network to the PSTN, as well as the usage associated with that extended network. 17 Section 4.4 expressly is intended to address item d), and acknowledges that traffic 18 originating or terminating on the network of a CMRS Provider, regardless of the 19 underlying business relationship, remains subject to the interconnection contract 20 on the same terms, conditions and rates as traffic that originates and terminates on 21 the CMRS Provider's existing, core network. 22

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1 Q. Has this issue been addressed in other CMRS Provider – RLEC

interconnection agreements in Kentucky?

A. Yes. Language similar to that being proposed by the CMRS Providers can be found

4 in Sprint PCS's Commission-approved interconnection agreement with

- 5 Brandenburg Telephone Company.
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7 Q. Does this conclude your Direct Testimony?

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⁸ A. Yes, it does.

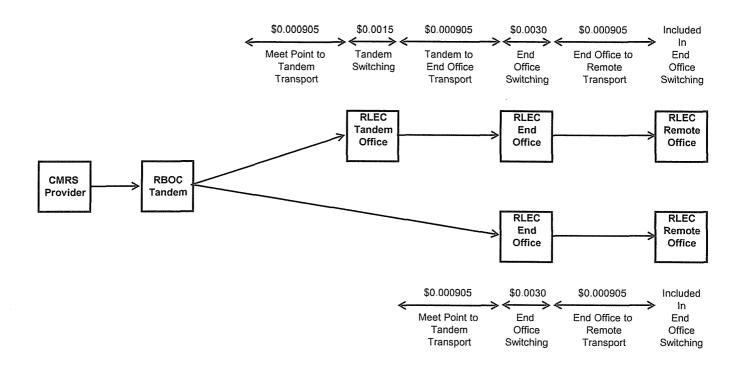
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Rate Element	Source	Initial Rate	% Traffic	RLEC Rate
Meet Point to Tandem Transport	RGF-5	\$ 0.000905	100% \$	0.000905
Tandem Switching	FCC RGF-4	0.001500	25.43%	0.000381
Tandem - End Office Transport	RGF-5 RGF-4	0.000905	25.43%	0.000230
End Office Switching	FCC	0.003000	100%	0.003000
End Office - Remote Transport	RGF-5 RGF-4	0.000905	46.02%	0.000416
Grand Total FCC Initial Rate Elements			\$	0.004932

Initial FCC Rate Elements

INDIRECT INTERCONNECTION

Showing CMRS to RLEC Call Paths And Reciprocal Compensation Rate Elements



	Rate	Local	Access	Lines (2)	Wt. Local
Company	Band (1)	Switching	Lines	Wt. Lines	Switching
Ballard	4	\$ 0.011492	6,224	4.0%	\$ 0.000463
Brandenburg	4	0.011492	26,218	17.0%	0.001949
Coalfields (Gearheart)	3	0.009577	6,496	4.2%	0.000402
Duo County	2	0.007661	12,893	8.3%	0.000639
Foothills	1	0.005745	15,610	10.1%	0.000580
Logan	3	0.009577	6,659	4.3%	0.000412
Mountain	3	0.009577	15,869	10.3%	0.000983
North Central (TN)	2	0.007661	5,766	3.7%	0.000286
Peoples	1	0.005745	8,537	5.5%	0.000317
South Central (3)	dna	0.001554	27,303	17.7%	0.000274
Thacker-Grisby	3	0.009577	8,138	5.3%	0.000504
West Kentucky	1	0.005745	14,895	9.6%	0.000553
			154,608	100.0%	\$ 0.007363

NECA Local Switching Rates

(1) NECA Tariff F.C.C. No. 5, 41st Revised Page 17-11, Effective July 1, 2006.

(2) RLEC responses to Information Requests

(3) South Central F.C.C. Tariff No. 1

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BALLARD RURAL TEL CO 0396	LA CENTER	LACTKYXA	1.903	0.7% EWS	07012	02144							0.01/	
BALLARD RURAL TEL CO 0396	BANDANA	BNDNKYXA	183	0.1% 5RS	06996		x	LACTKYXA	07010	03144	5.1	- 183	0.0% 0.2%	- 0.01
BALLARD RURAL TEL CO 0396	BARLOW	BRLWKYXA	1.592	0.6% 5RS		03140	x	LACTKYXA		03144	4.5	1,592	1.4%	0.06
BALLARD RURAL TEL CO 0396	WICKLIFFE	WCKLKYXA	2,516	1.0% 5RS	07023		x	LACTKYXA		03144	4.5	2.516	2.1%	0.00
BALLARD RURAL TEL CO 0396	KEVIL	KEVLKYXA	4,757	1.9% 5RS	07043		X	LACTKYXA		03144	4.7	4,757	2.1% 4.1%	0.22
BALLARD RURAL TEL CO 0396	HEATH	HETHKYXA	4,707	0.0% 5RS	06990	03114	x	LACTKYXA		03144	11.8	4,757	0.0%	0.19
BALLARD RURAL TEL CO 0396	GAGE	GAGEKYXA	-	0.0% 5RS	07023		x	LACTKYXA	-	03144	7.8	-	0.0%	-
BRANDENBURG TEL CO 0398	RADCLIFF	RDCLKYXA	21,961	8.6% DMH	06621	02757		<u>Brotten</u>	01012	00144	1.0	-	0.0%	
BRANDENBURG TEL CO 0398	BRANDENBG	BRBGKYXA	10,898	4.3% RSC	06610	02808	x	RDCLKYXA	06621	02757	16.5	10,898	9.3%	1.53
BRANDENBURG TEL CO 0398	PAYNEVILLE	PYVLKYXA	1,487	0.6% RSC		02832	x	RDCLKYXA	06621	02757	23.8	1,487	5.5 % 1.3%	0.30
BRANDENBURG TEL CO 0398	BATTLETOWN	BTTWKYXA	1,063	0.4% RSC		02834	x	RDCLKYXA	06621	02757	23.0	1,063	0.9%	0.22
BRANDENBURG TEL CO 0398	CUSTER	CSTRKYXA	1,248	0.5% RSC		02794	x	RDCLKYXA	06621	02757	18.4	1,003	1.1%	0.22
BRANDENBURG TEL CO 0398	IRVINGTON	IVTNKYXA	3,584	1.4% RSC	06641	02813	x	RDCLKYXA	06621	02757	18.8	3,584	3.1%	0.20
BRANDENBURG TEL CO 0398	NO GARRETT	NGRTKYXA	5,504	0.0% RSC	06623	02791	x	RDCLKYXA	06621	02757	10.8	3,564	0.0%	0.56
BRANDENBURG TEL CO 0398	VINE GROVE	VNGVKYXA	9,993	3.9% RSC	06629	02759	x	RDCLKYXA	06621	02757	2.6	9,993	8.5%	- 0.22
COALFIELDS TELEPHONI 0408	GRETHEL	GRTHKYXE	1,126	0.4% DMT	06409	02733	~	RDCLNIA	00021	02/0/	2.0	9,995	0.0%	0.22
COALFIELDS TELEPHONI 0408	HAROLD	HRLDKYXE	3,483	1.4% DMT	06393	02228						-	0.0%	-
COALFIELDS TELEPHONI 0408	WHEELWRIHT	WHLWKYXA	1,226	0.5% DMT	06433	02220						-	0.0%	-
DUO COUNTY TEL COOP 0401	BURKESVL	BSVLKYXR	6,737	2.6% DCN	06771	02220						<u></u>	0.0%	
DUO COUNTY TEL COOP 0401	JAMESTOWN	JMTWKYXA	4,891	1.9% DCN	06708	02534	-					-	0.0%	-
DUO COUNTY TEL COOP 0401	RUSSELLSPG	RSSPKYXA	12,033	4.7% DCN	06698	02534	-					~	0.0%	
DUO COUNTY TEL COOP 0401	FAIRPLAY	FRPLKYXA	12,000	0.0% DCO	06729	02545	x	RSSPKYXA	06698	02545	40.0	~		-
FOOTHILLS RURAL TEL 0406	STAFORDSVL	SFVLKY01	2,468	1.0% EWS	06357	02073	<u> </u>	ROOPNIA	00090	02545	13.2		0.0%	
FOOTHILLS RURAL TEL 0406	BLAINE	BLANKYXA	1,184	0.5% DC4		02255	x	SFVLKY01	06357	02295	13.4	1,184	1.0%	0.14
FOOTHILLS RURAL TEL 0406	CHAPMAN	CPMNKYXA	1,104	0.0% DC4	06305	02286	x	SFVLKY01	06357	02295	13.4		0.0%	
FOOTHILLS RURAL TEL 0406	FALLSBURG	FLBGKYXA	-	0.0% DC4		02200	x	SFVLKT01 SFVLKY01	06357	02295	25.6	-	0.0%	-
FOOTHILLS RURAL TEL 0400	FLAT GAP	FLGPKYXA	1.945	0.8% DC4	06345	02307	x	SFVLKY01	06357	02295				-
FOOTHILLS RURAL TEL 0406	ROYALTON	RYTNKYXA	120	0.0% DC4	06401	02303	â	SFVLKY01	06357	02295	6.1	1,945	1.7%	0.10
FOOTHILLS RURAL TEL 0406	SALYERSVL	SLVLKYXA	12,749	5.0% DC4	06390	02303					14.1	120	0.1%	0.01
LOGAN TEL COOP INC 0413	ADAIRVILLE	AIVLKYXE	2,495	1.0% DUN	06919	02318	X	SFVLKY01	06357	02295	12.7	12,749	<u>10.9%</u> 0.0%	1.38
LOGAN TEL COOP INC 0413	AUBURN	AUBNKYXA	2,495 4,962		06919		-					-		-
LOGAN TEL COOP INC 0413	LOGANSPORT	LGPTKYXA	4,902	1.9% DMT 0.0% 1RE		02773 02821	x		06870	02773	07.0	~	0.0%	-
LOGAN TEL COOP INC 0413	ROCHESTER	ROCHKYXA	- 504	0.2% 1RE		02823		AUBNKYXA			27.6	-	0.0%	-
LOGAN TEL COOP INC 0413	LEWISBRG	LWBGKYXL	5.052	2.0% DMT		02030	х	AUBNKYXA	00070	02773	25.6	504	0.4%	0.11
LOGAN TEL COOP INC 0413	DUNMOR	DNMRKYXA	974			02838	- V		00007	00000	0.5	074	0.0%	-
MT RURAL TEL COOP 0414	CAMPTON	CMTNKYXA	5.653	0.4% DLM 2.2% DMT	06854 06437	02030	<u>X</u>	LWBGKYXL	06867	02822	6.5	974	0.8%	0.05
MT RURAL TEL COOP 0414 MT RURAL TEL COOP 0414	HAZELGREEN						-	OL CT LUCIOLA	00407	00007		~	0.0%	-
	FRENCHBURG	HZGRKYXA	2,389	0.9% 1RE		02374	Х	CMTNKYXA	06437	02387	8.9	2,389	2.0%	0.18
MT RURAL TEL COOP 0414 MT RURAL TEL COOP 0414	EZEL	FRBGKYXA	3,382	1.3% DMT	06403	02422	-	5000000	00.000	~~~~~		-	0.0%	-
		EZELKYXA	1,512	0.6% 1RE	06401	02390	х	FRBGKYXA	06403	02422	10.1	1,512	1.3%	0.13
MT RURAL TEL COOP 0414 MT RURAL TEL COOP 0414	SANDY HOOK W LIBERTY	SNDHKYXA	3,674	1.4% DMT		02363	-					-	0.0%	-
		WLBTKYXA	11,123	4.4% DMT		02364	-					-	0.0%	-
MT RURAL TEL COOP 0414	JEPTHA			0.0% DMT	06361	02342	<u> </u>	WLBTKYXA	06377		8.6		0.0%	<u> </u>
NO CNTL RL TEL KY 4001	SCOTTSVL	SCVLKYXR	15,095	5.9% NT5	06848	02681	<u> </u>	LFYTTNXA	06877	02632	18.0	15,095	12.9%	2.32
PEOPLES RL TEL CORP 0415	MCKEE	MCKEKYXA	8,410	3.3% EWS	06532	02420	-					-	0.0%	-
PEOPLES RL TEL CORP 0415	ANNVILLE	ANVLKYXA	2,895	1.1% 5RS	06537	02380	Х	MCKEKYXA	06532		12.7	2,895	2.5%	0.31
PEOPLES RL TEL CORP 0415	BOONEVILLE	BNVLKYXA	4,561	1.8% 5RS		02377	Х	MCKEKYXA		02420	17.7	4,561	3.9%	0.69
PEOPLES RL TEL CORP 0415	SANDGAP	SNDGKYXA	204	0.1% 5RS	06532	02442	X	MCKEKYXA	06532	02420	7.0	204	0.2%	0.01

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SO CEN RURAL TEL CO	0418	BONNIEVL	HRCVKYXA	1,817	0.7% 210	06743	02683	х	Note (2)			12.8	1,817	1.6%	0.20
SO CEN RURAL TEL CO	0418	BUFFALO	HRCVKYXA	1,425	0.6% 210	06743	02683	Х	• /			12.8	1,425	1.2%	0.16
SO CEN RURAL TEL CO	0418	CANMER	HRCVKYXA	690	0.3% 210		02683	Х				12.8	690	0.6%	0.08
O CEN RURAL TEL CO	0418	CAVE CITY	HRCVKYXA	5,580	2.2% 210	06743	02683	Х				12.8	5,580	4.8%	0.6
SO CEN RURAL TEL CO	0418	CENTER	HRCVKYXA	333	0.1% 210	06743	02683	Х				12.8	333	0.3%	0.04
O CEN RURAL TEL CO	0418	EDMONTON	GLSGKYXR	7,306	2.9% 12H	06781	02664	Х				12.8	7,306	6.2%	0.8
O CEN RURAL TEL CO	0418	FOUNTANRUN	GLSGKYXR	1,451	0.6% 12H	06781	02664	Х				12.8	1,451	1.2%	0.10
O CEN RURAL TEL CO	0418	GAMALIEL	GLSGKYXR	1,371	0.5% 12H	06781	02664	Х				12.8	1,371	1.2%	0.1
SO CEN RURAL TEL CO	0418	GLASGWRURL	GLSGKYXR	15,794	6.2% 12H	06781	02664	-					-	0.0%	-
SO CEN RURAL TEL CO	0418	HISEVILLE	GLSGKYXR	-	0.0% 12H	06781	02664	Х				12.8	-	0.0%	-
O CEN RURAL TEL CO	0418	HORSE CAVE	HRCVKYXA	5,672	2.2% 210	06743	02683	-					-	0.0%	-
O CEN RURAL TEL CO	0418	LUCAS	GLSGKYXR	301	0.1% 12H	06781	02664	Х				12.8	301	0.3%	0.0
O CEN RURAL TEL CO		MAGNOLIA	HRCVKYXA	3,275	1.3% 210		02683	Х				12.8	3,275	2.8%	0.3
O CEN RURAL TEL CO	0418	MUNFORDVL	HRCVKYXA	5,134	2.0% 210	06743	02683	Х				12.8	5,134	4.4%	0.5
O CEN RURAL TEL CO	0418	SUMMERSHAD	GLSGKYXR	2,638	1.0% 12H	06781	02664	Х				12.8	2,638	2.3%	0.2
O CEN RURAL TEL CO	0418	TEMPLEHILL	GLSGKYXR	-	0.0% 12H	06781	02664	х				12.8	·_	0.0%	-
HACKER-GRIGSBY TEL	0419	CODY	CODYKYXA	-	0.0% C5	06481	02246	*					_	0.0%	-
HACKER-GRIGSBY TEL	0419	FISTY	FSTYKYXA	183	0.1% 1RE	06471	02275	Х	CODYKYXA	06481	02246	9.7	183	0.2%	0.0
HACKER-GRIGSBY TEL	0419	PIPPAPASSS	PPSSKYXA	1,211	0.5% DT5	06450	02242	Х	CODYKYXA	06481	02246	9.9	1,211	1.0%	0.1
HACKER-GRIGSBY TEL	0419	TOPMOST	TPMSKYXA	1,052	0.4% 1RE	06440	02233	х	CODYKYXA	06481	02246	13.6	1,052	0.9%	0.1
HACKER-GRIGSBY TEL	0419	MOUSIE	MOUSKYXA	985	0.4% DT5	06437	02251	Х	CODYKYXA	06481	02246	14.0	985	0.8%	0.1
HACKER-GRIGSBY TEL	0419	HINDMAN	HNMNKYXB	2,451	1.0% DMT	06458	02259	-					-	0.0%	-
VEST KY RL TEL CORP	0421	CUNNINGHAM	CNHMKYXA	973	0.4% SRD	07039	03114	-					-	0.0%	-
VEST KY RL TEL CORP	0421	FAIRDEALNG	FRNGKYXA	-	0.0% SRD	06998	03006	-					-	0.0%	-
VEST KY RL TEL CORP	0421	FANCY FARM	FNFMKYXA	1,660	0.7% SRD	07052	03088						-	0.0%	-
VEST KY RL TEL CORP	0421	FOLSOMDALE	FLDLKY01	-	0.0% EWS	07026	03078	-					-	0.0%	-
VEST KY RL TEL CORP	0421	WESTPLAINS	WPLNKYXA	-	0.0% DCL	07023	03060	Х	FLDLKY01	07026	03078	5.8	-	0.0%	-
VEST KY RL TEL CORP	0421	HARDIN	HRDNKYXA	2,072	0.8% SRD	07020	03009	-					-	0.0%	-
VEST KY RL TEL CORP	0421	HAZEL	HAZLKYXA	1,861	0.7% SRD	07071	02987	-					-	0.0%	-
VEST KY RL TEL CORP		KIRKSEY	KRKSKYXA	1,205	0.5% SRD	07040	03017	-					-	0.0%	-
EST KY RL TEL CORP	0421	LOWES	LOWSKYXA	32	0.0% SRD	07034	03094	-					-	0.0%	-
VEST KY RL TEL CORP	0421	LYNN GROVE	LYGVKYXA	-	0.0% SRD	07063	03013	-						0.0%	-
VEST KY RL TEL CORP		NEWCONCORD	NWCNKYXA	993	0.4% SRD		02967	-					-	0.0%	-
EST KY RL TEL CORP		SEDALIA	SDLIKYXA	1,588	0.6% SRD		03043	-					-	0.0%	-
VEST KY RL TEL CORP		FARMINGTON	FRTNKYXA	987	0.4% DCL		03034	х	SDLIKYXA	07067	03043	4.5	987	0.8%	0.0
EST KY RL TEL CORP		LYNNVILLE	LYVLKYXA	-	0.0% DCL		03030	x	SDLIKYXA		03043	5.8	-	0.0%	-
VEST KY RL TEL CORP		WINGO	WINGKYXA	2,604	1.0% SRD		03065	-					-	0.0%	-
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Note (1): US Census data for Zip Code.

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Note (2): The LERG data for South Central is inconsistent. It shows each office as a host, but there are only two unique set of V&H coordinates. This analysis assumes only two host offices, the remaining are remotes using the average host-remote distance.

LERG DATA - ALL COMP JUNE 2006 DATA	ANIES															nent RGF-4 Page 3 of 4
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	Alexanderi			Ta	ndem - Meet P	oint Distance						Tandem	- Host Dis	tance		
Company	OCN	Name	Acc. Tdm.	Sq. Miles	Population	% Pop	Radius	Wt.Radius	Acc. Tdm.		H	Host	Miles	Population	% Pop	Wt. Miles
BALLARD RURAL TEL CO	0396	LA CENTER	х	25,2302	1,903	2.2%	2.83	0.06	х					-	0.0%	
BALLARD RURAL TEL CO	0396	BANDANA			-	0.0%	-	-						-	0.0%	-
BALLARD RURAL TEL CO	0396	BARLOW			-	0.0%	-	-						-	0.0%	-
BALLARD RURAL TEL CO	0396	WICKLIFFE			-	0.0%	-	-						-	0.0%	-
BALLARD RURAL TEL CO	0396	KEVIL			-	0.0%	-	-						-	0.0%	-
BALLARD RURAL TEL CO	0396	HEATH			-	0.0%	-	-						-	0.0%	-
BALLARD RURAL TEL CO		GAGE			-	0.0%	-	-						-	0.0%	-
BRANDENBURG TEL CO		RADCLIFF	X	63,7208	21,961	25.0%	4.50	1.13	Х						0.0%	
BRANDENBURG TEL CO	0398	BRANDENBG				0.0%	-	-	~					-	0.0%	_
BRANDENBURG TEL CO		PAYNEVILLE			-	0.0%	-	-						_	0.0%	
BRANDENBURG TEL CO		BATTLETOWN			-	0.0%	-	-						_	0.0%	
BRANDENBURG TEL CO		CUSTER			-	0.0%	-	_							0.0%	_
BRANDENBURG TEL CO		IRVINGTON			-	0.0%	-	_							0.0%	-
BRANDENBURG TEL CO		NO GARRETT			-	0.0%		_							0.0%	-
BRANDENBURG TEL CO		VINE GROVE			-	0.0%		_							0.0%	-
COALFIELDS TELEPHON		GRETHEL			-	0.0%	-			06393	02228	X	5.22	2 1,126	1.7%	
COALFIELDS TELEPHON		HAROLD	х	22.8834	3,483	4.0%	2.70	0.11	х	00000	52220	~	0.22	- 1,120	0.0%	0.08
COALFIELDS TELEPHON		WHEELWRIHT	~	22.0004	0,400	0.0%	2.10	0.11	~	06393	12228	х	12.90		1.9%	0.24
DUO COUNTY TEL COOF		BURKESVL		· ••		0.0%					02545	<u>x</u>	23.5		10.4%	2.44
DUO COUNTY TEL COOF		JAMESTOWN			-	0.0%	-	-		06698		x	23.5	•	7.6%	2.44
OUO COUNTY TEL COOF		RUSSELLSPG	х	147.5480	12,033	13,7%	6.85	- 0.94	х	00090	02040	~	4.70) 4,891		
DUO COUNTY TEL COOF		FAIRPLAY	X	147.0400	12,000	0.0%	0.00	0.94	^						0.0% 0.0%	-
OOTHILLS RURAL TEL		STAFORDSVL	X	53.9457	2,468	2.8%	4.14	0.12	X						0.0%	-
OOTHILLS RURAL TEL		BLAINE	~	00.0407	2,400	0.0%	4.14	0.12	~					-	0.0%	-
	0406	CHAPMAN			-	0.0%	-	-						-		-
OOTHILLS RURAL TEL	0406	FALLSBURG			-		-	-						-	0.0%	-
		FLAT GAP			-	0.0% 0.0%	-	-						-	0.0%	-
	0406	ROYALTON			-		-	-						-	0.0%	-
	0406	SALYERSVL			-	0.0%	-	-						-	0.0%	-
OGAN TEL COOP INC		*******************			-	0.0%	-	-		00070				-	0.0%	
OGAN TEL COOP INC	0413	ADAIRVILLE	v	404 0000	-	0.0%	-	-		06870 (02773	Х	15.50		3.9%	0.60
OGAN TEL COOP INC	0413 0413	AUBURN LOGANSPORT	Х	164.9200	4,962	5.7%	7.25	0.41	Х					-	0.0%	-
OGAN TEL COOP INC	0413				-	0.0%	-	-						-	0.0%	-
		ROCHESTER			-	0.0%	-	-						-	0.0%	-
OGAN TEL COOP INC	0413	LEWISBRG			-	0.0%	-	-		06870 (02773	x	15.52		7.8%	1.21
OGAN TEL COOP INC	0413	DUNMOR			-	0.0%		-						-	0.0%	
MT RURAL TEL COOP	0414	CAMPTON			-	0.0%	-	-		06377	02364	x	20.32		8.7%	1.77
AT RURAL TEL COOP	0414	HAZELGREEN			-	0.0%	-	-							0.0%	-
AT RURAL TEL COOP	0414	FRENCHBURG			-	0.0%	-	-		06377	02364	х	20.10		5.2%	1.05
IT RURAL TEL COOP	0414	EZEL			-	0.0%	-	-						-	0.0%	-
AT RURAL TEL COOP	0414	SANDY HOOK	N.		-	0.0%		-		06377 ()2364	Х	13.92		5.7%	0.79
AT RURAL TEL COOP	0414	W LIBERTY	х	171.4580	11,123	12.7%	7.39	0.94	Х					-	0.0%	-
AT RURAL TEL COOP	0414	JEPTHA			-	0.0%	-								0.0%	
NO CNTL RL TEL KY	4001	SCOTTSVL		334.7120	-	0.0%	10.32			06877 (02632	<u>X</u>	18.01	15,095	23.3%	4.20
EOPLES RL TEL CORP	0415	MCKEE	х	134.7590	8,410	9.6%	6.55	0.63	Х					-	0.0%	-
		ANNVILLE			-	0.0%	-	-						-	0.0%	-
PEOPLES RL TEL CORP		BOONEVILLE			-	0.0%	-	-						-	0.0%	-
PEOPLES RL TEL CORP	0415	SANDGAP			-	0.0%	-	-						-	0.0%	-

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Company	OCN	Name	Acc. Tdm.	Sq. Miles	Population	% Pop	Radius	Wt. Radius	Acc. Tdm.	₩ .	Here a	Host	Miles	Population	% Pop	Wt. Mile
O CEN RURAL TEL CO	0418	BONNIEVL			-	0.0%	-	-						-	0.0%	-
O CEN RURAL TEL CO	0418	BUFFALO			-	0.0%	-	-						-	0.0%	-
O CEN RURAL TEL CO		CANMER			-	0.0%	-	-						-	0.0%	-
O CEN RURAL TEL CO	0418	CAVE CITY			-	0.0%	-	-						-	0.0%	-
O CEN RURAL TEL CO	0418	CENTER			-	0.0%	-	-						-	0.0%	-
O CEN RURAL TEL CO	0418	EDMONTON			-	0.0%	-	-						-	0.0%	-
CEN RURAL TEL CO	0418	FOUNTANRUN			-	0.0%	-	-						-	0.0%	-
O CEN RURAL TEL CO		GAMALIEL			-	0.0%	-	-						-	0.0%	-
O CEN RURAL TEL CO	0418	GLASGWRURL	х	164.8970	15,794	18.0%	7.24	1.30						-	0.0%	
CEN RURAL TEL CO	0418	HISEVILLE			-	0.0%	-	-						-	0.0%	
CEN RURAL TEL CO	0418	HORSE CAVE	х	68.1706	5,672	6.5%	4.66	0.30						-	0.0%	
CEN RURAL TEL CO	0418	LUCAS			-	0.0%	-	-						-	0.0%	
CEN RURAL TEL CO	0418	MAGNOLIA			-	0.0%	-	-						-	0.0%	
CEN RURAL TEL CO	0418	MUNFORDVL			-	0.0%	-	-						-	0.0%	
CEN RURAL TEL CO	0418	SUMMERSHAD			-	0.0%	-	-						-	0.0%	
D CEN RURAL TEL CO	0418	TEMPLEHILL			-	0.0%	-	-						-	0.0%	
ACKER-GRIGSBY TEL	0419	CODY	X	29.9776	-	0.0%	3.09	-	X					-	0.0%	
ACKER-GRIGSBY TEL	0419	FISTY			-	0.0%	-	-						-	0.0%	
IACKER-GRIGSBY TEL	0419	PIPPAPASSS			-	0.0%	-	-						-	0.0%	
ACKER-GRIGSBY TEL	0419	TOPMOST			-	0.0%	-	-						-	0.0%	
HACKER-GRIGSBY TEL	0419	MOUSIE			-	0.0%	-	-						-	0.0%	
ACKER-GRIGSBY TEL	0419	HINDMAN			-	0.0%	-	-		06481	02246	Х	8.35	2,451	3.8%	(
EST KY RL TEL CORP	0421	CUNNINGHAM			~	0.0%	-	-		07026	03078	Х	12.10	973	1.5%	C
EST KY RL TEL CORP	0421	FAIRDEALNG			-	0.0%	-	-		07026	03078	х	24.43	-	0.0%	
EST KY RL TEL CORP	0421	FANCY FARM			-	0.0%	-	-		07026	03078	х	8.81	1,660	2.6%	C
EST KY RL TEL CORP	0421	FOLSOMDALE	х	44.0396	-	0.0%	3.74	-	х					-	0.0%	
EST KY RL TEL CORP	0421	WESTPLAINS			-	0.0%	-	-						-	0.0%	
EST KY RL TEL CORP	0421	HARDIN			-	0.0%	-	-		07026	03078	х	21.90	2,072	3.2%	(
EST KY RL TEL CORP	0421	HAZEL			-	0.0%	-	-		07026	03078	х	32.10	1,861	2.9%	(
EST KY RL TEL CORP	0421	KIRKSEY			-	0.0%	-	-		07026	03078	Х	19.79	1,205	1.9%	(
EST KY RL TEL CORP	0421	LOWES			-	0.0%	-	-		07026	03078	х	5.66	32	0.0%	(
	0421	LYNN GROVE			-	0.0%	-	-		07026	03078	х	23.65	-	0.0%	
EST KY RL TEL CORP	0421	NEWCONCORD			-	0.0%	-	-		07026	03078	Х	35.38	993	1.5%	C
EST KY RL TEL CORP		SEDALIA			-	0.0%	-	-		07026	03078	Х	17.05	1,588	2.5%	(
EST KY RL TEL CORP		FARMINGTON			-	0.0%	-	-						-	0.0%	
EST KY RL TEL CORP		LYNNVILLE			-	0.0%	-	-						-	0.0%	
EST KY RL TEL CORP		WINGO			-	0.0%	-	-		07026	03078	Х	16.34	2,604	4.0%	C

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	Rate			Access	Lines (2)	Wt. Initial
Company	Band (1)	1	ransport	Lines	Wt. Lines	Fransport
Ballard	3	\$	0.001016	6,224	4.0%	\$ 0.000041
Brandenburg	2		0.001005	26,218	17.0%	0.000170
Coalfields (Gearheart)	2		0.001005	6,496	4.2%	0.000042
Duo County	2		0.001005	12,893	8.3%	0.000084
Foothills	3		0.001016	15,610	10.1%	0.000103
Logan	2		0.001005	6,659	4.3%	0.000043
Mountain	3		0.001016	15,869	10.3%	0.000104
North Central (TN)	1		0.000968	5,766	3.7%	0.000036
Peoples	3		0.001016	8,537	5.5%	0.000056
South Central (3)	dna		0.000426	27,303	17.7%	0.000075
Thacker-Grisby	2		0.001005	8,138	5.3%	0.000053
West Kentucky	2		0.001005	14,895	9.6%	0.000097
-				154,608	100.0%	\$ 0.000905

Initial Transport Rates Based On NECA Direct Trunked Transport Rates

(1) NECA Tariff F.C.C. No. 5, 41st Revised Page 17-11, Effective July 1, 2006.

(2) USAC Report HC05 - High Cost Loop Support Projected by State by Study Area - 1Q2006

(3) South Central F.C.C. Tariff No. 1

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NECA Direct Trunked Transport Rates

	Facility		Per Mile		Grand	Conver	sion to MC	U Rate	Per MOU
Element	Term.	Per Mile	Miles	Total	Total	MOU/DS0	DS0/DS1	DS1/DS3	Rate
NECA - Ba DS1	ind 1 \$ 169.78	\$ 17.22	11.81	203.41	373.19	9,000	24	dna	\$ 0.001728
DS3 Simple Ave	945.62 erage	118.53	11.81	1,400.12	2,345.74	9,000	24	28	0.000388
NECA - Ba	ind 2								
DS1	\$ 176.32	\$ 17.88	11.81	211.21	387.53	9,000	24	dna	\$ 0.001794
DS3	982.02	123.09	11.81	1,453.99	2,436.01	9,000	24	28	0.000403
Simple Ave	erage								\$ 0.001098
NECA - Ba	ind 3								
DS1	\$ 178.26	\$ 18.08	11.81	213.57	391.83	9,000	24	dna	\$ 0.001814
DS3	992.90	124.46	11.81	1,470.17	2,463.07	9,000	24	28	0.000407
Simple Ave	erage								\$ 0.001111
South Cen	itral								
DS1	\$ 68.04	\$ 6.90	11.81	81.51	149.55	9,000	24	dna	\$ 0.000692
DS3	398.94	47.52	11.81	561.32	960.26	9,000	24	28	0.000159
Simple Ave	erage								\$ 0.000426

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STATE OF KANSAS COUNTY OF JOHN SON

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, duly commissioned and qualified in and for the State and County aforesaid, personally came and appeared Randy G. Farrar, who being by me first duly sworn deposed and said that:

He is appearing as a witness on behalf of Sprint Spectrum L.P. and Sprintcom, Inc., d/b/a Sprint PCS, and on behalf of the CMRS Providers, before the Kentucky Public Service Commission in Case Nos. 2006-00215, 2006-00217, 2006-00218, 2006-00220, 2006-00252, 2006-00255, 2006-00288, 2006-00292, 2006-00294, 2006-00296, 2006-00298, and 2006-00300, and if present before the Commission and duly sworn, his Testimony would be the same as set forth in the annexed testimony consisting of 35pages and 5 Attachments.

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SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE, ME THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2006.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served a true and exact copy of the within and foregoing on all parties of records, via first-class United States Mail, postage paid and properly addressed to the following:

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