

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

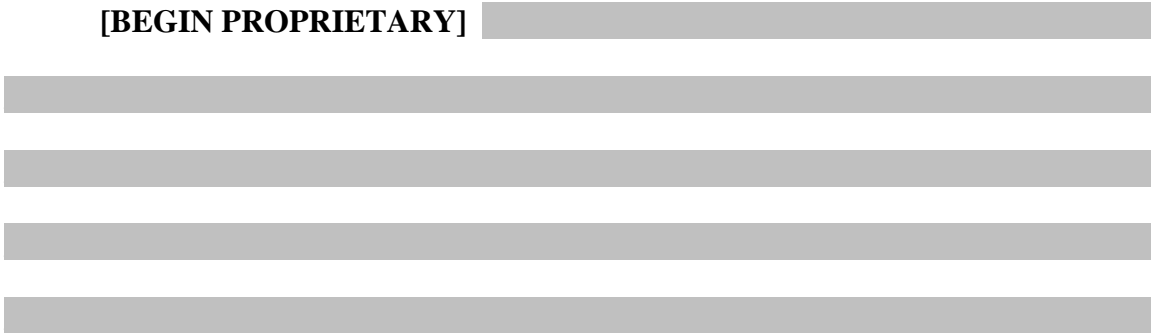
In the Matter of the Nebraska	)	Rule and Regulation No. 172
Public Service Commission on its	)	
own motion seeking to amend Title 291,	)	COMMENTS OF SPRINT
Chapter 5, Telecommunications Rules	)	ON ORDER OPENING
and Regulations, to add rules regarding	)	DOCKET AND SEEKING
customer billing practices	)	COMMENT
	)	

**PUBLIC VERSION**

Sprint Communications Company L.P., hereinafter, “Sprint,” hereby submits its comments in the above-captioned matter. Sprint Communications Company L.P. is a certificated CLEC and an interexchange carrier (IXC) in Nebraska. These comments are submitted on behalf of Sprint Communications Company L.P. in its capacity as a CLEC and an IXC, and not on behalf of any wireless entity owned by or affiliated with Sprint. It is Sprint’s understanding that the proposed amendments that are the subject of this docket do not apply or purport to apply to wireless carriers in Nebraska.

Sprint’s comments are limited to the portion of proposed rule 002.17 that would require that the due date listed on the bill must be at least thirty (30) days from the date of mailing or electronic transmission. Sprint believes the cost to implement this requirement would be grossly disproportionate to the negligible benefit Sprint’s customers would receive, as described more fully below.

**[BEGIN PROPRIETARY]**



[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] **[END PROPRIETARY]**

For the reasons described above, Sprint believes the cost to implement this change is simply not justified in relation to the nominal benefit of an additional few days for customers to pay their bills. Sprint expresses no comments on any of the other proposed revisions set forth in the Order Opening Docket.

Respectfully submitted this 25<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2009.

Sprint Communications Company, L.P.

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Loel P. Brooks - #15352  
Brooks, Pansing Brooks, PC, LLO  
1248 "O" Street, Suite 984  
Lincoln, NE 68508  
(402) 476-3300  
lbrooks@brookspanlaw.com

Diane C. Browning  
Counsel, State Regulatory Affairs  
Mail Stop KSOPHN0212-2A411  
6450 Sprint Parkway  
Overland Park, Kansas 66251  
(913) 315-9284  
diane.c.browning@sprint.com

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that on this 25<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2009, one original and eight paper copies of the Comments of Sprint Nextel on Order Opening Docket and Seeking Comment in Rule and Regulation No. 172 (Public Version) were hand delivered to:

Nichole Mulcahy  
Nebraska Public Service Commission  
1200 N Street  
300 The Atrium  
Lincoln, NE 68509-4927

and paper copies were sent via U.S. mail to:

Ann-Marie Kemp  
Technologies Management, Inc.  
210 North Park Avenue  
Winter Park, FL 32789

Andy Pollock  
Rembolt Ludtke & Berger, LLP  
1201 Lincoln Mall, Suite 102  
Lincoln, NE 68508

Jill Gettman  
Gettman & Mills, LLP  
10250 Regency Circle, Suite 200  
Omaha, NE 68114

Rob Logsdon  
Cox Communications  
11505 West Dodge Road  
Omaha, NE 68154

Joann Hansen  
Qwest Corporation  
200 South 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 2200  
Minneapolis, MN 55402

Jack L. Shultz  
Harding & Shultz  
121 South 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 800  
Lincoln, NE 68508

Steve Meradith  
Windstream Communications  
1440 M Street  
P.O. Box 81309  
Lincoln, NE 68508

Paul M. Schudel  
Woods & Aitken, LLP  
301 South 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 500  
Lincoln, NE 68508

Mark Fahleson  
Rembolt Ludtke & Berger, LLP  
1201 Lincoln Mall, Suite 102  
Lincoln, NE 68508

James A. Overcash  
Woods & Aitken, LLP  
301 South 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 500  
Lincoln, NE 68508

Troy Kirk  
Rembolt Ludtke & Berger, LLP  
1201 Lincoln Mall, Suite 102  
Lincoln, NE 68508

Steven G. Seglin  
Crosby, Guenzel, LLP  
Federal Trust Building  
134 South 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 400  
Lincoln, NE 68508

Jim Roberts  
Embarq Corporation  
30 East 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 1630  
St. Paul, MN 55101

Dwight Wininger  
SWB Consulting  
P.O. Box 23050  
Lincoln, NE 68542-3050

Deonne Bruning  
2901 Bonacum Drive  
Lincoln, NE 68502

Nick Paden  
Consortia Consulting by Telec  
233 South 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 1225  
Lincoln, NE 68508

Husch Blackwell Sanders LLP  
1620 Dodge Street, Suite 2100  
Omaha, NE 68102-1504

Timothy J. Goodwin  
Qwest Corporation  
1801 California Street  
Denver, CO 80202