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Ms. Mary Jo Kunkle
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In re: In the matter of Sprint Communications Company L.P.'s petition for de novo review pursuant to MCL 484.3117 of Determination No. 5 made by the METRO Authority
MPSC Case No. U-14878

Dear Ms. Kunkle:

Enclosed for filing is a Petition for Leave to Intervene of TDS Metrocom, LLC and a Proof of Service of the same. Please call if you have any questions regarding the enclosure.

Very truly yours,

FRASER TREBILCOCK DAVIS & DUNLAP, P.C.



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STATE OF MICHIGAN

BEFORE THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the matter of **SPRINT COMMUNICATIONS**)
COMPANY L.P.’s petition for de novo review)
pursuant to MCL 484.3117 of Determination No. 5)
made by the METRO Authority.) MPSC Case No. U-14878
_____)

PETITION FOR LEAVE TO INTERVENE OF TDS METROCOM, LLC

TDS Metrocom, LLC (“TDS Metrocom”), by and through its legal counsel Fraser Trebilcock Davis & Dunlap, P.C., and pursuant to Rule 201 of the Rules of Practice and Procedure before the Commission, hereby petitions the Michigan Public Service Commission for leave to intervene in the above-entitled proceeding. In support of its Petition, TDS Metrocom states:

1. TDS Metrocom is a Delaware limited liability company with its principal place in Michigan located at 2525 Jolly Road, Okemos, Michigan 48864.
2. TDS Metrocom is a licensed provider of local exchange service in the State of Michigan and provides a variety of telecommunications services in Michigan.
3. In its May 25, 2006, Order and Notice of Hearing, this Commission stated that “this case involves a question of first impression.” *Id.* at p 1.
4. The issue identified by the Commission is whether providers are required to pay METRO Act fees for facilities that are leased from other providers.
5. The Commission recognized that this issue was likely to impact a large number of interested parties. In issuing its Order and Notice of Hearing, the Commission stated:

Because Sprint’s petition presents a question of first impression that involves a previously untested *de novo* review procedure and

will likely affect numerous interested persons, the Commission finds that this matter should be set for a prehearing conference before an administrative law judge. Toward that end, the Commission directs that copies of this order and notice of hearing be served on Sprint, the METRO Authority, all providers of telecommunications services who routinely receive invoices from the METRO Authority, The Michigan Municipal League, and the Michigan Townships Association. In addition, in the interests of fairness and broad participation, the Commission encourages the METRO Authority to place a conspicuous notice of the intervention procedures and the prehearing conference on its website.

6. In previous cases, the Commission has adopted the two prong test for standing set forth in Association of Data Processing Service Organizations Inc v Camp, 397 US 150; 90 S Ct; 250 L Ed 184 (1970). TDS Metrocom meets this standing test adopted by the Commission.

7. TDS Metrocom is able show that: (1) it would likely suffer an injury in fact (i.e. their interests are in danger); and (2) that its interests allegedly endangered are within the zone of interest to be protected or regulated by the statute under consideration by the Public Service Commission.

8. TDS Metrocom meets the first prong of the standing test because TDS Metrocom has a financial interest in the outcome of this proceeding. As a provider, its financial interests may be directly impacted by the decision reached by the Commission,

9. TDS Metrocom also meets the second prong of the standing test because, as a provider, TDS Metrocom's interests are "within the zone of interest to be protected or regulated" by the METRO Act. Accordingly, TDS Metrocom satisfies the two-prong test for standing in this proceeding.

10. No other parties can adequately represent TDS Metrocom's interest in this proceeding.

11. Furthermore, if the Commission were to determine that TDS Metrocom does not have standing as a matter of right, then the Commission should grant TDS Metrocom permissive intervention. TDS Metrocom is in a position to provide useful information to the Commission in making a determination on these significant policies.

12. TDS Metrocom's position is that providers are not required to pay METRO Act fees for facilities that are leased from other providers.

13. Furthermore, TDS Metrocom reserves its right to address any additional issues permitted to be raised in this proceeding.

WHEREFORE, TDS Metrocom, LLC respectfully requests that it be granted status to intervene as a party to this proceeding with full rights of participation.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: June 19, 2006

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Proof of Service

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
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COUNTY OF INGHAM)

Debbie K. Lange, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that on this 19th day of June, 2006, she served a copy of Petition for Leave to Intervene of TDS Metrocom, LLC and Proof of Service upon the following by U.S. mail and by e-mail to the addresses listed on the attached service list.

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Subscribed and sworn to before me
on this 19th day of June, 2006

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My Commission Expires: 12-17-2011