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### **VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS**

Federal Communications Commission c/o U.S. Bank - Government Lockbox #979093 SL-MO-C2-GL 1005 Convention Plaza St. Louis, MO 63101

Re:

Application of BellSouth Long Distance, Inc. and Sprint Communications Company LP for the Assignment of BellSouth Long Distance Inc.'s Interest in MAYA-1 submarine cable license (SCL-LIC-19990325-00006)

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Enclosed please find an application and associated fees for approval of the assignment BellSouth Long Distance, Inc.'s ("BSLD") interest in the in MAYA-1 submarine cable license (SCL-LIC-19990325-00006) from BSLD to Sprint Communications Company LP.

As further explained in the attached, Applicants also request a waiver of Section 1.10006 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.10006, which requires that this application be filed electronically.

If you have any questions regarding the application and related waiver request, please contact me at 202-942-5790 or at Thedore.Frank@aporter.com. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely.

Theodore Frank

Counsel for BellSouth Long Distance, Inc.

Enclosures

# Before the FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION Washington, DC 20554

| In the Matter of the Application of  |                |
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| BellSouth Long Distance, Inc.  | )              |
| and  | ) File No. SCL |
| Sprint Communications Company LP   | )<br>)         |
| for Commission Consent for<br>the assignment of the MAYA-1 Cable<br>Landing License From BellSouth<br>Long Distance, Inc. to Sprint Communications | )<br>)<br>)    |
| Company LP   | )              |

To: Chief, International Bureau

# APPLICATION FOR COMMISSION CONSENT FOR THE ASSIGNMENT OF A CABLE LANDING LICENSE

Pursuant to an Act Relating to the Landing and Operation of Submarine Cables in the United States, 47 U.S.C. §§ 34-39, and Section 1.767(g)(7) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.767(g)(7), BellSouth Long Distance, Inc. ("BSLD") (FRN 0003733318) and Sprint Communications Company LP ("Sprint") (FRN 00020316634 (collectively "Applicants") hereby seek Commission consent to the assignment of BSLD's interest in the submarine cable landing license for MAYA-1 (FCC File No. SCL-LIC-19990325-00006) to Sprint that took place on August 11, 2006.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> While this authorization is currently listed in IBFS as held by Teleglobe Puerto Rico Inc. (Debtor-In-Possession) ("Teleglobe"), BSLD is a co-licensee. IBFS will not allow BSLD to make this filing electronically because the authorization in under Teleglobe's name. Accordingly, BSLD requests a waiver of the electronic filing rule, 47 C.F.R. § 1.10006.

Under the Commission's rules, Applicants were required to seek prior consent for the aforementioned assignment. To the best of the Applicants' knowledge, information and belief, the failure to seek prior consent was inadvertent. The assignment came to light in connection with the preparation of a notification filed on August 1, 2011 concerning an internal restructuring of AT&T Inc.'s subsidiaries which involved, *inter alia*, in the *pro forma* transfer of control of BSLD. This application is being filed promptly upon Applicants' learning of the assignment and verifying the information concerning it. Applicants now seek Commission consent to assignment of this MAYA-1 interest.<sup>2</sup>

The Public Interest. Grant of this application will serve the public interest. BSLD no long holds any interest in MAYA-1 and is not serving any customers using the cable system. Sprint is, and was at the time of the assignment of BSLD's interest in the cable system, a colicensee of the system. Indeed, Sprint was one of the original applicants. Consequently, Sprint is fully qualified to hold the interest transferred to it by BSLD and grant of this application will regularize the Commission's data concerning the ownership of MAYA-1.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The Applicants are filing simultaneously with this request an application to assign to Sprint BSLD's interest in the international 214 for the MAYA-1 cable system. ITC-214-19990325-00153.

# Information Required Under Section 1.767

(1-3) The names, addresses, and telephone numbers of the Applicants, the Government, State, or Territory under the law of which each corporate or partnership Applicant in organized, and contacts points for correspondence

# (1) Assignor (BellSouth Long Distance, Inc.)

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# with a copy to:

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# Assignee (Sprint Communications Company LP) Information:

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# Direct Ownership of Sprint

- (2) BSLD is a Corporation organized under the laws of the state of Delaware. Sprint Communications Company LP is a Limited Partnership organized under the laws of the state of Delaware.
- (3) Correspondence concerning this application should be addressed to the following: For BellSouth Long Distance, Inc.

James J.R. Talbot AT&T Services, Inc. 1120 Twentieth Street, NW Suite 1000 Washington, DC 20036 Tel: (202) 457-3048 Fax: (202) 457-3073

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(4-5) BSLD holds the authority as a co-licensee for the following submarine cable landing license: SCL-LIC-19990325-00006 - license to land and operate a digital submarine cable system to be called the MAYA-1 Cable System, which lands in Florida in the United States, and in the Cayman Islands, Colombia, Costa Rica, Honduras, Mexico and Panama. The architecture

and capacity of this cable system are matter of public record and will not change as a result of the proposed transaction.

- (6) This application does not seek to change the regulatory classification of the cable system.
- (7) The application is seeking to assign the interests as described below:

There are no officers or directors of Sprint who are also officers or directors of any foreign carrier. Sprint is not affiliated with any foreign carrier.

#### **Additional Certification**

Applicants hereby certify that no party to this application is subject to a denial of federal benefits pursuant to Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988. Sprint further certifies that it accepts and will abide by the routine conditions specified at Section 1.767(g) of the Commission's rules. The undersigned certify that all statements made in this notification and in the exhibits, attachments, or documents incorporated by reference are material, are part of this notification, and are true, complete, correct, and made in good faith.

# Conclusion

Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully request that the Commission grant authority for consummation of the transaction described herein.

Respectfully submitted,

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# Conclusion

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