

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION  
COMMISSION

RITZVILLE WAREHOUSE COMPANY,	)	
	)	DOCKET NO. UT-021053
Complainant,	)	
	)	
v.	)	NOTICE OF PREHEARING
	)	CONFERENCE
SPRINT COMMUNICATIONS	)	(October 10, 2002)
COMPANY, L.P.,	)	
	)	
Respondent.	)	
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- 1 On August 21, 2002, Ritzville Warehouse Company filed with the Commission a complaint against Sprint Communications Company, L.P. The complaint alleges that Sprint Communications Company, L.P. billed Ritzville Warehouse Company for T1 data circuit service that was never functional. A more detailed account of the dispute is reflected in the complaint which is available for inspection at the Commission's office located at Chandler Plaza Building, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., Olympia, Washington. It is appropriate that the matters raised in the pleadings be brought for hearing before the Commission.
  
- 2 Hearing in this matter is being held pursuant to Part IV of chapter 34.05 RCW pertaining to adjudicative proceedings, including but not being limited to RCW 34.05.413, RCW 34.05.431, RCW 34.05.440, RCW 34.05.443, RCW 34.05.449, RCW 34.05.452, and RCW 80.01.100. The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter under Title 80 RCW, having legal authority to regulate the rates, services, and practices of telecommunications companies providing service within the state of Washington. Statutes and rules cited in the complaint include RCW 80.36.080 and RCW 80.36.300. In addition to the foregoing, statutes and rules involved include those within chapter 80.36 RCW, chapter 480-09 WAC, and chapter 480-120 WAC. The issues involved are generally stated above and more specifically contained in the complaint.
  
- 3 **NOTICE IS GIVEN That a prehearing conference in this matter will be held on October 10, 2002, at 1:30 p.m., in the Commission's Hearing Room, Second Floor, Chandler Plaza Building, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., Olympia, Washington.**

- 4 The purpose of the prehearing conference is to consider formulating the issues in the proceeding, and to determine other matters to aid in its disposition, as specified in WAC 480-09-460. Petitions to intervene should be made in writing prior to the hearing date or made orally at the hearing. The time and place for the evidentiary hearing will be set at the prehearing conference or by later written notice. Appearances will be taken.
- 5 If any party or witness needs an interpreter or other assistance, please fill out the form attached to this notice and return it to the Commission.
- 6 NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN THAT ANY PARTY WHO FAILS TO ATTEND OR PARTICIPATE IN THE HEARING SET BY THIS NOTICE, OR ANY OTHER STAGE OF THIS PROCEEDING, MAY BE HELD IN DEFAULT IN ACCORDANCE WITH RCW 34.05.440. THE PARTIES ARE FURTHER ADVISED THAT THE SANCTION PROVISIONS OF WAC 480-09-700(4) ARE SPECIFICALLY INVOKED.
- 7 The names and mailing addresses of all parties and their known representatives are as follows:
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| Complainant:    | Ritzville Warehouse Company<br>201 E. First Avenue<br>Rtizville, WA 99169   |
| Representative: | Howard D. Bourne<br>Practical Solutions<br>3515 21 <sup>st</sup> Place<br>Coeur d'Alene, ID 83815<br>(208) 661-2160             |
| Respondent:     | Sprint Communications Company, L.P.<br>920 Wasco Street<br>Hood River, OR 970321  |
| Representative: | William E. Hendricks, III<br>Sprint Communications Company, L.P.<br>920 Wasco Street<br>Hood River, OR 970321<br>(541) 387-9439 |
- 8 Commission Staff will appear through Jonathan Thompson, Assistant Attorney General, 1400 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., P. O. Box 40128, Olympia, Washington 98504-0128, (360) 664-1225.
- 9 Karen Caillè has been designated as the Administrative Law Judge from the Utilities and Transportation Commission's Administrative Law Division, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., Olympia, Washington 98504-7250, and will preside at the prehearing conference.

- 10 Notice of any other procedural phase will be given in writing or on the record as the Commission may deem appropriate during the course of this proceeding.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CAROLE J. WASHBURN  
Executive Secretary

September , 2002

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