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RE:CASE NOS. GTE-T-97-6; SPS-T-97-2

APPROVAL OF WIRELESS INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN  GTE NORTHWEST AND SPRINT SPECTRUM L.P.

On June 2, 1997, GTE Northwest, Inc. and Sprint Spectrum L.P. filed a Joint Application for approval of a wireless interconnection agreement that provides for the parties to interconnect their facilities and interchange traffic.  The agreement was reached through voluntary negotiations and was submitted for approval pursuant to 47 USC § 252 (e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.  On June 6, 1997, the Commission issued a Notice of Application and Notice of Modified Procedure to process the Application.  The comment period established by the Notice terminated on June 27, 1997.  No comments were filed regarding the Application.

Staff recommends approval of this wireless interconnection agreement.

Commission Decision:

Should the agreement for interconnection of facilities and interchange of traffic between GTE and Sprint Spectrum be approved pursuant to § 252 (e) of the Telecommunications Act?

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