

**Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter of

**Iowa Network Access Division
d/b/a Aureon
FCC Tariff No. 1**

WC Docket No. 18-60

Transmittal No. 36

**MOTION OF SPRINT COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY L.P.
JOINING AT&T SERVICES, INC.'S MOTION TO
AMEND PROTECTIVE ORDER AND FOR EXPEDITED RULING**

Pursuant to the Wireline Competition Bureau's April 25, 2018 Order regarding AT&T Services Inc.'s ("AT&T") request for an expedited filing date for any oppositions to its Motion to Amend Protective Order and For Expedited Ruling,¹ Sprint Communications Company L.P. ("Sprint") respectfully submits this motion joining AT&T's motion. Sprint fully endorses AT&T's motion, incorporates its arguments herein, and requests that the relief requested by AT&T apply equally to Sprint (and any other party) opposing Aureon's Direct Case.²

As AT&T explained in its motion, the March 26, 2018 Protective Order is overly restrictive because it does not permit any inside consultants access to confidential information, and it is unduly burdensome on parties seeking to oppose Aureon's Direct Case because the confidential information will not be available to them until May 7, leaving them with only a few days to prepare their oppositions, which are due on May 10.³ Sprint urges the Commission to

¹ *Iowa Network Access Division Tariff F.C.C. No. 1*, Order, WC Docket No. 18-60, Transmittal No. 36 (Apr. 25, 2018) ("*Expedited Filing Order*").

² *Motion of AT&T Services, Inc. to Amend Protective Order and for Expedited Ruling*, WC Docket No. 18-60, Transmittal No. 36 (filed Apr. 23, 2018).

³ *Id.* at 7-12; *Iowa Network Access Division Tariff F.C.C. No. 1*, Order, WC Docket No. 18-60, Transmittal No. 36 (Mar. 26, 2018) ("*Protective Order*").

adopt AT&T's proposed changes, which would ensure that Sprint and other parties are able to carefully review Aureon's information and provide thorough responses in accordance with this proceeding's compressed schedule.⁴

AT&T requests amendment of the Protective Order in this proceeding to allow access to confidential information by inside consultants providing "technical or expert advice [who] are not involved in 'Competitive Decision-Making,' as that term is defined in the Protective Order."⁵ Such an amendment will ensure that Sprint and other parties are able to review the information quickly with the help of experts already familiar with these proceedings.

AT&T also requests that the Commission waive the five-day waiting period after signing an acknowledgement to gain access to confidential information in this proceeding for inside consultants.⁶ This is necessary because inside consultants are currently barred under the Protective Order, so an amendment permitting their access to confidential information will require a waiver of the waiting period to ensure they may begin accessing the information when Aureon submits its Direct Case on May 3.

Finally, AT&T requests amendment of the Protective Order to require each party to provide, on the date of submission, all supporting data, including confidential information, to any party authorized to review such information.⁷ This is necessary because, due to this proceeding's compressed schedule, a two-day delay in access to the confidential information will amount to a substantial burden on parties needing to review and respond to Aureon's Direct Case within one week.

⁴ *Id.*

⁵ *Id.* at 1.

⁶ *Id.* at 11-12.

⁷ *Id.* at 12.

In view of the forgoing, Sprint requests that the Commission fully adopt AT&T's proposals to amend the Protective Order and waive the five-day waiting period for access to confidential information for inside consultants, and that these amendments apply equally to all parties, including Sprint, seeking to oppose Aureon's Direct Case.

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