

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

In the Matter of	)	
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Implementation of the Local Competition	)	CC Docket No. 96-98
Provisions of the Telecommunications	)	
Act of 1996	)	
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**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTICE OF SPRINT CORPORATON**

Pursuant to the Public Notice issued July 11, 2001 (DA 01-1648), Sprint Corporation hereby informs the Commission that is withdrawing its Petition for Limited Reconsideration and/or Clarification of the First Report and Order in this proceeding, filed September 30, 1996. Sprint believes that all the issues raised in its petition have been rendered moot either by the passage of time or by subsequent Commission action in this proceeding.

The most important issue raised by Sprint's September 30, 1996 petition was the initial definition of the local loop element as a facility rather than as an electrical or optical transmission path (see Petition at 2-4). The Commission's amended definition of the loop element adopted in the Third Report and Order herein (15 FCC Rcd 3696 (1999)) (subsequent history omitted) to include all features, functions, and capabilities of the transmission facility, together with the Commission's action to require ILECs to offer, as unbundled network elements, the functionalities involved in copper/fiber loop combinations in the Fourth Report and Order on Reconsideration herein (and Third Report and Order on Reconsideration in CC Docket No. 98-147), 16 FCC Rcd 2101 (2001), put to rest Sprint's concern in 1996, that the definition

of the loop element adopted there might restrict the Commission from making available various functionalities that are needed by competing carriers.

Respectfully submitted,

SPRINT CORPORATION

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