

NORTH CAROLINA
RURAL ELECTRIFICATION AUTHORITY
RALEIGH

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BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA RURAL ELECTRIFICATION AUTHORITY

In the Matter of

Petition of Sprint Communications Company L.P.)	
For Arbitration of an Interconnection Agreement)	
With Star Telephone Membership Corporation)	FINAL DECISION
Pursuant to Sections 251(a), (b) and 252 of the)	
Communications Act of 1934, as Amended)	

BY THE NORTH CAROLINA RURAL ELECTRIFICATION AUTHORITY
(hereinafter "Authority")

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On February 17, 2009, Sprint Communications Company L.P. ("Sprint") filed a Petition requesting the Authority to arbitrate an interconnection agreement with Star Telephone Membership Corporation ("Star").

Pursuant to the Authority's Resolution on Arbitration Policies for Telecommunications Interconnection Agreements adopted May 16, 2005 (hereinafter "Arbitration Policy"), the parties agreed to an arbitrator who issued his Confidential Recommended Decision on April 13, 2011. The parties filed a redacted version of the Arbitrator's Confidential Recommended Decision dated June 21, 2011.

Pursuant to the Arbitration Policy, the Authority, on June 24, 2011, requested objections to or comments on the recommended decision issued by the arbitrator to be filed by August 5, 2011.

On August 5, 2011, Sprint through its attorney notified the Authority that it did "not agree with certain finding and conclusions contained in the Redacted Recommended Decision. However, Sprint stands on its Briefs as to its positions, and has no comments on or objections to the Redacted Recommended Decision."

On August 10, 2011, Star TMC through its attorney sent the Authority a letter stating that Sprint had not filed objections or comments and requested the Authority adopt the decision of the Arbitrator.

On October 5, 2011, the Authority issued a Notice of Hearing for a hearing to be "held December 12, 2011, for the parties to present oral argument regarding any objections to or

