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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF MARYLAND

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IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF :
ALLEGIANCE TELECOM OF MARYLAND, :
INC. FOR APPROVAL OF AN ADOPTION :
OF AN ENTIRE INTERCONNECTION : CASE NO. 8999
AGREEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION :
252(i) OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS : PREHEARING
ACT OF 1996 : CONFERENCE

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Public Service Commission
William Donald Schaefer Tower
6 St. Paul Street
19th Floor Hearing Room
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Tuesday, May 11, 2004 - 10:00 a.m.

BEFORE: JOEL M. BRIGHT
Hearing Examiner

Reported by: Linda A. Crockett

21 bankruptcy proceeding by utilizing the mechanism
22 that Congress has established in 252(i). We took
23 a quick look on the Commission's website, and the

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1 Sprint agreement is the only agreement that's
2 presently effective -- and it's about to expire --
3 that would permit this, because all of the other
4 agreements and all the other agreements Verizon
5 has chosen to do something that it did not do in
6 the Sprint agreement, and that's to add a clause
7 about predecessor agreements which would prevent
8 another CLEC from coming along and following in
9 Allegiance's footsteps and doing an adoption that
10 would enable it to take on a second agreement
11 without having to have the debts under the first
12 agreement be part of the second agreement. So
13 this is not going to be opening up a floodgate at
14 all.

15 As I said, the Sprint agreement is
16 about to expire. It had nine months of life left
17 on it when Allegiance first tried to adopt it.
18 But now there are only two and a half months worth
19 of life left on it. And we can't see anyone else
20 doing the same thing. So the floodgates are not