

**EXHIBIT "C"**



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Re: Termination of Interconnection Agreement between Allegiance Telecom of  
Maryland, Inc. and Verizon Maryland Inc., f/k/a Bell Atlantic - Maryland, Inc.

By a letter, dated October 17, 2000, Allegiance Telecom of Maryland, Inc. (“Allegiance”) adopted in the State of Maryland, pursuant to Section 252(i) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the “Act”), an Agreement between Sprint Communications Company L.P. and Verizon Maryland Inc., f/k/a Bell Atlantic – Maryland, Inc. (“Verizon”). Subsequently, the parties have supplemented and amended the Agreement (the initial Agreement as supplemented, the “Interconnection Agreement”). Pursuant to Section 6.1 of the Interconnection Agreement, Allegiance hereby provides notice that it intends to terminate the Interconnection Agreement for Maryland effective 11:59 p.m. December 23, 2003 (“Termination Date”); provided, however, that, unless the parties enter into a new interconnection agreement prior to Termination Date, the Interconnection Agreement shall remain in force and effect until the Termination Date and Verizon shall continue to provide interconnection, facilities, and services pursuant to such Interconnection Agreement until the Termination Date.

Allegiance is currently examining its options regarding whether to adopt another carrier’s interconnection agreement or to request negotiation for a new agreement. Once Allegiance has made a decision, Allegiance will send Verizon an appropriate notice.

If you have any questions regarding this notice of termination, please contact me at (202) 464-1791 or [gegi.leeger@algx.com](mailto:gegi.leeger@algx.com).

Sincerely,

Gegi Leeger  
Director of Interconnection Agreements