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The Honorable Dale Hardy Roberts  
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge  
Missouri Public Service Commission  
200 Madison Street, Suite 650  
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Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

Re: In the Matter of the Investigation of the State or Competition in the  
Exchanges of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company  
Case No. TO-2001-467

Dear Judge Roberts:

Please accept for filing, an original and eight (8) copies of a Petition for Leave to Appear and Participate on Behalf of Sprint Communications Company, L.P. in the above-captioned matter.

If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to call me at 913-624-6425.

Very truly yours,

*Stephen D. Minnis*  
Stephen D. Minnis *by David Bergmyer*

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Enclosure

cc: All Parties of Record

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
STATE OF MISSOURI

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Missouri Public  
Service Commission

In The Matter of the Investigation of the State )  
Of Competition in the Exchanges of Southwestern ) Case No. TO-2001-467  
Bell Telephone Company )

**PETITION FOR LEAVE TO APPEAR AND PARTICIPATE ON BEHALF OF  
SPRINT MISSOURI, INC. AND SPRINT COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY, L.P.**

COMES NOW, Petitioner, Stephen D. Minnis, Attorney for Sprint  
Communications Company, L.P. ("Sprint"), and states as follows:

1. Petitioner is an attorney representing Sprint Communications Company, L.P. ("Sprint") and is a member in good standing of the bar of the State of Kansas and is not disqualified to appear in any Kansas Court.
2. No attorney employed by or representing Sprint is disqualified to appear in any Kansas Court.
3. Petitioner designates Mr. Paul H. Gardner, Goller, Gardner & Feather, 131 E. High Street, Jefferson City, Missouri, a member in good standing of the Missouri Bar, as associate counsel in the above referenced case.
4. Mr. Gardner has entered his appearance as attorney of record in the above referenced case.
5. Petitioner requests that the commission grant him leave to be permitted to appear and participate in the above referenced case.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner submits that he has met the practice requirements set forth in 4 CSR 240.2.040 and respectfully requests that the Missouri Public Service Commission grant him leave to appear on behalf of Sprint in the above referenced case.

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Respectfully Submitted,  
Sprint Communications Company, L.P.

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### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY certify that a copy of the above document was delivered to each of the following via U. S. Mail, postage prepaid on this 30th day of March, 2001 to:

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