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**STATE OF MISSOURI  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service  
Commission held at its office  
in Jefferson City on the 11th  
day of December, 1997.

In the Matter of the Application of United                    )  
Telephone Company of Missouri d/b/a Sprint for            )  
Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications            )  
Carrier Under 47 U.S.C. Section 214(E) (2) of the        )  
Telecommunications Act of 1996.                                )  
Case No. TO-98-205

**ORDER GRANTING INTERVENTION  
AND GIVING NOTICE OF APPEARANCE PRO HAC VICE**

United Telephone Company of Missouri d/b/a Sprint (Sprint-United) filed on November 14, 1997, an application requesting designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier pursuant to Section 254 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 for purposes of federal universal service support. The Commission issued an Order and Notice on November 21, directing parties wishing to intervene to do so by December 8.

MCI Telecommunications Corporation (MCI) and MCImetro Access Transmission Services, Inc. (MCImetro) filed a joint application to intervene on December 8, stating that they have an interest different from that of the general public because the Commission's decision may affect their interests as purchasers of access services, and as providers and potential providers of telecommunications interexchange services. MCI and MCImetro also stated that their intervention would be in the public interest because of their expertise in the industry and interest in enhancing competition. MCI and MCImetro stated that, if Sprint-United is not willing to make certain specified commitments that were included in the stipulation in Case No. TO-98-49, the Commission should conduct a hearing where Sprint-United should explain its position.

The Commission has reviewed the application to intervene and finds that the joint application for intervention should be granted. Since the intervenors' request for hearing is contingent upon Sprint-United's failure to undertake certain commitments, the Commission finds that it is appropriate to permit Sprint-United to respond before taking further action. Accordingly, Sprint-United will be permitted to file a response or other pleading addressing MCI and MCImetro's concerns no later than December 17, 1997. The Commission will also give notice by this order that Stephen F. Morris has complied with 4 CSR 240-040(6) and will be appearing pro hac vice.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. That MCI Telecommunications Corporation and MCImetro Access Transmission Services, Inc. are granted intervention in this case in accordance with 4 CSR 240-2.075.
2. That United Telephone Company of Missouri d/b/a Sprint shall file a pleading addressing the concerns raised by the intervenors no later than December 17, 1997.
3. That Stephen F. Morris has complied with 4 CSR 240-040(6) and will be appearing pro hac vice.
4. That this order shall become effective on December 11, 1997.

**BY THE COMMISSION**



( S E A L )

**Dale Hardy Roberts**  
**Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge**

Lumpe, Ch., Crumpton, Drainer  
and Murray, CC., concur.

Wickliffe, Deputy Chief Regulatory Law Judge