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Re: In the Matter of the Application of the Mid-Missouri Group and the Small Telephone Company Group of Incumbent Local Exchange Companies for Designation as Telecommunications Company Carriers Eligible for Federal Universal Service Support  
Case No. TO-98-49

Dear Mr. Wright:

Enclosed for filing with the Missouri Public Service Commission are an original and fourteen (14) copies of the Application to Intervene for United Telephone Company of Missouri d/b/a Sprint and Sprint Communications Company L.P.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (913) 345-7915.

Sincerely,

Linda K. Gardner

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Enclosures  
cc: All Counsel of Record (w/ encl.)

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Telecommunications Act of 1996. )

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APPLICATION TO INTERVENE

COMES NOW, United Telephone Company of Missouri d/b/a Sprint ("United") and Sprint Communications Company L.P. ("Sprint Long Distance"), collectively referred to as "Sprint," and pursuant to Section 386.420 RSMo and 4 CSR 240-2.110 respectfully seek an Order granting intervention into the above referenced proceeding. In support, Sprint states as follows:

1. United is a Missouri corporation with offices at 319 Madison, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102. United is authorized to transact business within the State of Missouri and is authorized by the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") to provide basic local and interexchange telecommunications service within the state.

2. Sprint Long Distance is a Delaware limited partnership with its principal place of business at 8140 Ward Parkway, Kansas City, MO 64114. Sprint Long Distance is authorized to transact business within the State of Missouri and is authorized by the

Commission to provide interexchange telecommunications service within the state. In addition, Sprint Long Distance has been granted authority to provide local exchange and basic local exchange service in certain exchanges in the state and has an application to provide local exchange service and basic local exchange service in additional exchanges pending.

3. All correspondence, communications and orders in this docket should be directed to:

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4. On August 1, 1997, the Mid Missouri Group and the Small Telephone Company Group jointly filed an Application for Designation as Eligible Carriers Pursuant to § 254 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. In its ORDER AND NOTICE, the Commission set an intervention date of September 8, 1997. As such, Sprint's APPLICATION TO INTERVE. JE is timely filed.

5. Sprint or Sprint customers will likely be payers into the fund as well as a recipient from the fund or a provider of service to recipients from the fund. As such, Sprint has a direct interest in this matter which is different than that of the general public.

In addition, Sprint's experience in the telecommunications industry will aid the Commission in examining these issues. Therefore, it is in the public interest to allow Sprint to intervene and to fully participate.

WHEREFORE, Sprint respectfully requests the Commission to issue an Order granting this Application to Intervene of Sprint.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY certify that copies of the foregoing document were served to the following by first class mail or hand-delivery on this 28th day of August, 1997:

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