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Mr. Cecil Wright  
Executive Secretary  
Missouri Public Service Commission  
301 W. High Street, Suite 530  
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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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 Pursuant to Section 254 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Case No. TO-98-49

Dear Mr. Wright:

Enclosed for filing with the Commission are an original and 15 copies of the Petition for Leave for Julie Thomas Bowles, Esquire to Appear in this Matter on Behalf of Sprint Communications Company L.P.. Please return one file-stamped copy in the enclosed envelope.

Thank you for your assistance. Please call me at (913) 624-6420 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Julie Thomas Bowles

Encl.

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Case No. TO-98-49

**PETITION FOR LEAVE FOR JULIE THOMAS BOWLES, ESQUIRE  
TO APPEAR IN THIS MATTER ON BEHALF OF  
SPRINT COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY L.P.**

Sprint Communications Company L.P. (Sprint), by its counsel, Julie E. Grimaldi, hereby files this petition pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.040(6)C) to respectfully petition the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) for leave to permit Julie Thomas Bowles, Esquire to appear and represent Sprint in this matter. In support of its Petition, Sprint states as follows:

1. Ms. Bowles is an attorney employed by Sprint. Ms. Bowles is a member in good standing of the Bar in the state of Kansas.
2. The attached Affidavit identifies each court of which Ms. Bowles is a member, and certifies that neither she nor any member of the Sprint Law and External Affairs Department is disqualified to appear in any of these courts.
3. Julie E. Grimaldi, a member in good standing of the Bar of the state of Missouri, is associate counsel with Ms. Bowles on this case. She has already entered her appearance on behalf of Sprint and will continue to appear as counsel of record. Ms. Grimaldi's Missouri Bar number is 34458.

WHEREFORE, Sprint respectfully requests that the Commission permit Julie Thomas Bowles to appear and participate on behalf of Sprint in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

SPRINT COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY L.P.

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was mailed, first class postage prepaid, this 28th day of August, 1997, to:

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AFFIDAVIT OF VISITING ATTORNEY

I, Julie Thomas Bowles, hereby state to the Missouri Public Service Commission as follows:

1. I am an attorney employed by Sprint Communications Company L.P. in the State Regulatory Affairs department. I am a member in good standing of the following courts: Kansas Supreme Court (No. 16578); United States District Court of the District of Kansas.

2. Neither I, nor any other attorney employed by Sprint, is disqualified from practicing before any of the courts listed in paragraph 1.

I, Julie Thomas Bowles, hereby swear and affirm that the foregoing information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Julie Thomas Bowles  
Julie Thomas Bowles

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1997.

Sally J. Werts  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

SALLY J. WERTS  
Notary Public - Notary Seal  
STATE OF MISSOURI  
Clay County  
My Commission Expires Oct. 3, 2000