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## THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

Before Commissioners:

Brian J. Moline, Chair Robert E. Krehbiel Michael C. Moffet

In the Matter of the Application of Sprint ) Nextel Corporation for Approval of the ) Transfer of Control of United Telephone ) Company of Kansas, United Telephone ) Company of Eastern Kansas, United ) Telephone Company of Southcentral ) Kansas, Sprint Missouri, Inc., d/b/a United ) Telephone Company of Southeastern ) Kansas, and Sprint Long Distance Inc., from ) Sprint Nextel Corporation to LTD Holding ) Company.

Docket No. 06-SCCC-200-MIS

## **ORDER GRANTING PETITION FOR INTERVENTION**

NOW, the above-captioned matter comes before the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas (Commission). Having examined its files and records, and being duly advised in the premises, the Commission finds and concludes as follows:

1. On October 17, 2005, the Communications Workers of America (CWA) filed a Petition to Intervene in the above captioned docket. CWA is a labor organization as defined in the National Labor Relations Act and is doing business in the State of Kansas, with its principal office located at 2600 Via Fortuna, Suite 260, Austin, Texas 78746, Travis County.

2. In its Petition, CWA stated it has an interest in this proceeding because CWA and Sprint Nextel Corporation d/b/a Sprint United Telephone of Kansas (Sprint) are signatories to a collective bargaining agreement that includes employment terms and conditions for a unit of employees who are also CWA's members. CWA is the exclusive bargaining representative for said unit of employees. Any application to transfer control of Sprint's assets or property would impact CWA and its members. CWA's interest in these proceedings is not represented by any existing party. Its participation in these proceedings will contribute to a just result. Granting CWA's Petition will not unduly delay these proceedings or unjustly prejudice any existing party.

3. The Commission has broad discretion to grant a petition for intervention if intervention is in "the interests of justice and orderly and prompt conduct of the proceedings will not be impaired...." K.S.A. 77-521(a)(3) (1997). K.A.R. 82-1-225 (1997) also recognizes the Commission's broad discretion to grant interventions. A petition to intervene must set out "facts demonstrating that the petitioner's legal rights, duties, privileges, immunities or other legal interests may be substantially affected by the proceeding or that the petitioner qualifies as an intervener under any provision of law." K.A.R. 82-1-225(a)(2). Further, the Commission may limit an intervener's participation to designated issues in which the intervener has a particular interest as demonstrated in the petition, require two or more interveners to combine their presentations of evidence or argument and limit an intervener's use of discovery. K.A.R. 82-1-225(c).

4. The Commission concludes that CWA has met the requirements of K.A.R. 82-1-225 and as such should be granted intervention in these proceedings. CWA should be added to the mailing list to receive service of all pleadings in this matter.

IT IS, THEREFORE, BY THE COMMISSION ORDERED THAT:

A. The Communications Workers of America's Petition for intervention complies with the requirements set forth in K.A.R. 82-1-225. The Communications Workers of America is therefore granted intervention in the above-captioned proceeding. Petitioner shall receive service of all pleadings in this matter.

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B. A party may file a petition for reconsideration of this order within fifteen days of the service of this order. If this order is mailed, service is complete upon mailing, and three days may be added to the above time frame. K.S.A. 66-118; K.S.A. 2003 Supp. 77-529(a)(1).

C. The Commission retains jurisdiction of the subject matter and the parties for the purpose of entering such further order, or orders, as it may deem necessary and proper..

BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.

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