

**THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF KANSAS**

Before Commissioners: Thomas E. Wright, Chairman
 Michael C. Moffet
 Joseph F. Harkins

In the Matter of the Petition of Sprint)
Communications Company L.P., Sprint)
Spectrum L.P., and Nextel West Corp., d/b/a)
Sprint, to Conduct General Investigation into)
the Intrastate Access Charges of United) Docket No. 08-GIMT-1023-GIT
Telephone Company of Kansas, United)
Telephone Company of Eastern Kansas, United)
Telephone Company of South Central Kansas,)
and United Telephone Company of)
Southeastern Kansas, d/b/a Embarq.)

ORDER GRANTING CURB'S PETITION TO INTERVENE

The above-captioned matters come before the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas (Commission) for consideration and decision. Having examined its files and records, and being duly advised in the premises, the Commission makes the following findings:

1. On May 19, 2008, Sprint Communications Company L.P., Sprint Spectrum L.P., and Nextel West Corporation (Sprint) filed a petition with the Commission requesting a general investigation into the intrastate access charges of United Telephone Company of Kansas, United Telephone Company of Eastern Kansas, United Telephone Company of South Central Kansas, and United Telephone Company of Southeastern Kansas (Embarq).

2. On October 7, 2008, the Citizens' Utility Ratepayer Board (CURB) filed a Petition To Intervene in this proceeding. CURB's Consumer Counsel has been given the discretion to intervene and represent the interests of Kansas residential and small commercial ratepayers in any utility proceeding before the Commission under K.S.A. 66-1223, *et. seq.*

CURB asserted that the interests it represents may not be adequately represented by existing parties, and that the ratepayers may be affected by any Commission order in this docket.

3. The Commission finds and concludes that granting intervention to CURB is in the interests of justice and will not impair the orderly and prompt conduct of the proceedings. K.A.R. 82-1-225.

IT IS, THEREFORE, BY THE COMMISSION ORDERED THAT:

A. The Petition to Intervene of the Citizens' Utility Ratepayer Board is granted.

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. 66-118b; K.S.A. 2007 Supp. 77-529.

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.

Wright, Chmn.; Moffet, Com.; Harkins, Com.

Dated: OCT 17 2008

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OCT 20 2008

 EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR

Susan K. Duffy
Executive Director

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