

**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            )  
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.            )

Docket No. 08-GIMT-1023-GIT

**ORDER GRANTING MCI COMMUNICATIONS SERVICE AND MCIMETRO  
ACCESS TRANSMISSION SERVICES' 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). Sprint is also requesting the Commission reduce Embarq's interstate carrier access rates to be in parity with its interstate access charges.

2. On September 23, 2008, MCI Communications Services, Inc. d/b/a Verizon Business Services and MCImetro Access Transmission Services LLC d/b/a Verizon Access

Transmission Services (Verizon Business) filed a Petition To Intervene in this proceeding.

3. Verizon Business pays intrastate switched access rates to Embarq and is a contributor to KUSF. Verizon Business stated that their legal rights, duties, privileges, and other legal interests will be substantially affected by the proceedings in this docket and that no other party to the proceeding can adequately protect Verizon Business' rights.

4. The Commission finds and concludes that granting intervention to Verizon Business 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 MCI Communications Services, Inc. d/b/a Verizon Business Services and MCImetro Access Transmission Services LLC d/b/a Verizon Access Transmission Services 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

**ORDERED MAILED**

**OCT 20 2008**

 **EXECUTIVE  
DIRECTOR**

Susan K. Duffy  
Executive Director

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