

In its petition, US LEC asserts that “[t]his docket also includes issues regarding interconnection arrangements among wireless carriers, ILECs, and competitive local exchange carriers, such as US LEC.”² Based on this assertion US LEC contends that its interests may be affected by or determined in this docket. US LEC further states that it will comply with the current schedule in this docket.

Sprint Spectrum also asserts that this docket may affect its interests. In its petition, Sprint Spectrum explains that it is a commercial mobile radio service provider and that its customers may initiate traffic of the type discussed in the *Order Granting Conditional Stay, Continuing Abeyance, and Granting Interventions* filed in this docket on May 5, 2003. Sprint Spectrum also alleges that its intervention will not impair the interests of justice and the orderly and prompt conduct of this docket.

The Hearing Officer finds that the petitions were timely filed and substantiate that the movants’ legal interests may be affected by this docket. Further, the movants’ interventions will not impair the interests of justice or the orderly and prompt conduct of this docket. Additionally, no party objected to either intervention. Therefore, pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated Section 4-5-310(a), the petitions should be granted.

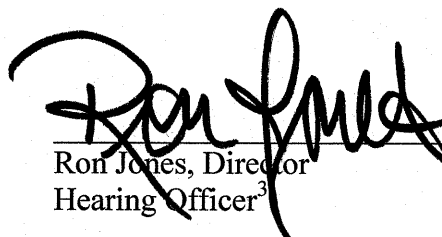
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. The *Petition to Intervene* filed by US LEC of Tennessee, Inc. on May 8, 2003 is granted. US LEC of Tennessee, Inc. may participate in this proceeding as its interests require and receive copies of any notices, orders or other documents filed herein.

2. The *Petition of Sprint Spectrum L.P. d/b/a Sprint PCS for Leave to Intervene* filed on May 22, 2003 by Sprint Spectrum L.P. d/b/a Sprint PCS is granted. Sprint Spectrum L.P.

² *Petition to Intervene*, 1 (May 8, 2003).

d/b/a Sprint PCS may participate in this proceeding as its interests require and receive copies of any notices, orders or other documents filed herein.



Ron Jones, Director
Hearing Officer³

³ See *Order Accepting Petition for Appeal and Appointing Hearing Officer*, 3 (Sept. 17, 2002) (appointing Director Jones as the Hearing Officer for the purpose of preparing this docket for consideration by the Directors).