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**VIA HAND DELIVERY**

Hon. Tre Hargett, Chairman  
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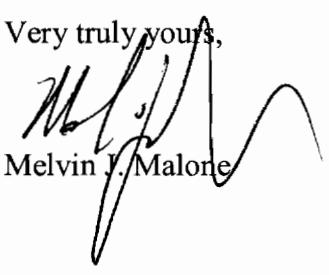
**RE: Petition for Regulatory Exemption Pursuant to T.C.A. § 65-5-108(b) to  
Increase Regulatory Parity and Modernization, TRA Docket No. 08-00192**

Dear Chairman Hargett:

Enclosed please find an original and thirteen (13) copies of *Sprint Nextel's Petition for Leave to Intervene* in the above-captioned matter. A copy of this filing is also enclosed to be filed-stamped for our records.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, or require additional information, please let me know.

Very truly yours,

  
Melvin J. Malone

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**BEFORE THE  
TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY  
Nashville, Tennessee**

*In Re: Petition for Regulatory  
Exemption Pursuant to  
T.C.A. § 65-5-108(b) to Increase  
Regulatory Parity and Modernization*

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DOCKET NO. 08-00192

**SPRINT NEXTEL’S PETITION FOR LEAVE TO INTERVENE**

COMES NOW Sprint Communications L.P., Sprint Spectrum, L.P., d/b/a Sprint PCS, Nextel South Corp., and NPCR, Inc. (collectively “Sprint Nextel” or “Petitioners”) and submits this Petition to Intervene in the above-captioned proceeding, pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 4-5-310(a). In support thereof, Sprint Nextel states as follows:

1. Sprint Communications Company L. P., a Delaware limited partnership, is a competitive local exchange carrier, and an interexchange carrier, and is authorized by the Authority to provide telecommunications service in Tennessee. Sprint Spectrum L.P., a Delaware limited partnership, as agent and General Partner for WirelessCo, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership, and SprintCom, Inc., a Kansas corporation, all the foregoing entities jointly d/b/a Sprint PCS (“Sprint PCS”), is a commercial mobile radio service (“CMRS”) provider licensed by the Federal Communications Commission (“FCC”) to provide wireless services in Tennessee. Nextel South Corp. and NPCR, Inc. are also CMRS providers licensed by the Federal Communications Commission (“FCC”) to provide wireless services in Tennessee. Sprint Nextel’s principal place of business is 6200 Sprint Parkway, Overland Park, Kansas 66251.

2. The name and address of Sprint Nextel 's representative in this proceeding is as follows:

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3. This proceeding will address the regulatory oversight of AT&T in Tennessee and will address, among other things, the rates, terms and conditions under which AT&T offers services in Tennessee. This proceeding may also affect the TRA's jurisdiction over AT&T's wholesale services, which are offered to telecommunications providers such as Sprint Nextel.

4. Petitioners' legal rights, duties, privileges, immunities or other legal interests will be determined in this proceeding and therefore, Petitioners respectfully seek intervention rights.

5. The interests of justice and the orderly and prompt conduct of the proceedings will not be impaired by allowing Petitioners' request.

WHEREFORE, Sprint Nextel respectfully requests that the Authority grant this Petition to Intervene.

Respectfully submitted this 10<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2008.



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## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on December 10, 2008, a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been served on the parties set forth below, via the method indicated:

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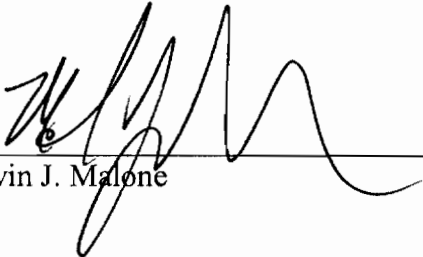
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