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VIA OVERNIGHT DELIVERY

Ms. Jean Jewell, Secretary
Idaho Public Utilities Commission
472 West Washington Street
Boise, Idaho 83702

Re: IPUC Case No. GNR-T-02-16; Request for Party Status

Dear Ms. Jewell:

Pursuant Idaho Public Utilities Commission Order No. 29125, issued on October 4, 2002, Sprint Communications Company L.P. ("Sprint"), hereby requests designation as a party in the above-referenced matter.

As a telecommunications carrier operating in Idaho, the Commission's decision regarding the legality of "virtual" NXX may impact Sprint's business plans, and Sprint therefore has a direct and substantial interest in the outcome of this docket. Sprint's participation in this matter will not unduly broaden the issues; and Sprint submits that its participation as a party in this matter will benefit the public generally.

Sprint requests that all service and correspondence be sent to the following company representative:

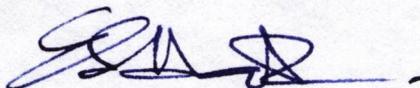
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Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions regarding this letter.
Thank you in advance for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Eric S. Heath", with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Eric S. Heath

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