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IDAHO PUBLIC
UTILITIES COMMISSION

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BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
NPCR, INC. d/b/a NEXTEL PARTNERS
SEEKING DESIGNATION AS AN ELIGIBLE
TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER THAT
MAY RECEIVE FEDERAL UNIVERSAL
SERVICE SUPPORT

CASE NO.: *GNR-T-02-16*

IDAHO TELEPHONE ASSOCIATION'S
PETITION TO INTERVENE

Idaho Telephone Association ("ITA") petitions this Commission for leave to intervene in the above entitled proceeding pursuant to Rules 72 and 73 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.072 and -.073. In support of this Petition, ITA states as follows:

1. The ITA is an association of independently owned telephone companies providing local exchange service and other telecommunications services within the state of Idaho. The ITA is charged with representing its member companies' interests before the Idaho Public Utilities Commission and other regulatory agencies.
2. The ITA has a direct and substantial interest in these proceedings because this Commission's decision may, directly or indirectly, affect the ITA member companies' quality or cost of telecommunications service.
3. The ITA is unable to state its position at this stage of the proceedings, and therefore seeks to intervene for the purpose of receiving documents, examining witnesses, and otherwise participating as its interest may appear.

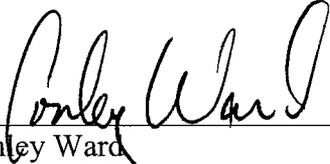
4. The ITA's representatives for the purpose of service of pleadings and other written materials are:

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WHEREFORE, ITA respectfully requests that the Commission grant this Petition to Intervene and authorize ITA to participate in the above entitled proceedings with full rights as a formal party.

DATED this 29th day of April 2003.



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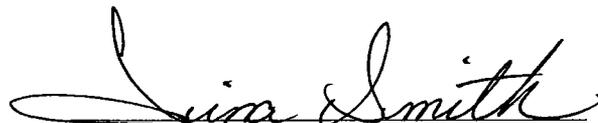
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on the 29th day of April 2003, I caused to be served a true and correct copy of the foregoing by the method indicated below, and addressed to the following:

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