

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON  
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Petition of	)	Docket No. UT-130477
	)	
THE CENTURLINK COMPANIES –	)	PETITION TO INTERVENE OF SPRINT
QWEST CORPORATION; CENTURYTEL	)	NEXTEL CORPORATION
OF WASHINGTON; CENTURYTEL OF	)	
INTERISLAND; CENTURYTEL OF	)	
COWICHE; AND UNITED TELEPHONE	)	
COMPANY OF THE NORTHWEST	)	
	)	
To be Regulated Under an Alternative Form of	)	
Regulation Pursuant to RCW 80.36.135.	)	

Pursuant to WAC 480-07-355, Sprint Nextel Corporation (formerly Sprint Corporation) d/b/a Sprint PCS, SprintCom, Inc., Sprint Spectrum, L.P., and Wireless Co., L.P. (collectively “Sprint Nextel”) hereby petitions to intervene in the above-captioned docket. In support of its petition, Sprint Nextel sets forth the following information pursuant to the requirements set forth in WAC 480-07-355:

1. The name and address of the Petitioner:  
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3. Sprint Nextel is a registered competitive local exchange company, authorized to provide both intraexchange and interexchange telecommunications services throughout the state of Washington. Currently, Sprint Nextel competes with the CenturyLink Companies (“Petitioners”) and obtains interconnection and related services and facilities from them in Washington. Sprint Nextel maintains local interconnection agreements with subsidiaries of Petitioners in their capacity as incumbent local exchange carriers (“ILECs”), which agreements were entered into pursuant to sections 251 and 252 of the Communications Act of 1934, as Amended by the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Pub.L. 104-104, 110 Stat. 56, 47 U.S.C. Sections 151 *et seq.* (the “Act” or “1996 Act”).

4. Sprint Nextel has a substantial interest in Petitioners’ petition to be regulated under an alternative form of regulation pursuant to RCW 80.36.135. In order to serve its customers in Petitioners’ territories, currently, Sprint Nextel relies on its ability to interconnect with and seek associated services from them. Moreover, the Petitioners assess access charges to Sprint for intrastate traffic in Washington. In addition, Sprint Nextel competes with the enterprise services offered by Petitioners.

5. Sprint Nextel desires to participate in this proceeding to protect its rights to obtain interconnection and related services and facilities from Petitioners under appropriate rates and conditions, which it relies upon to provide telecommunications services to Sprint Nextel’s customers. Sprint Nextel is also concerned that Petitioners may not provide access services at appropriate rates, terms and conditions if its petition is approved.

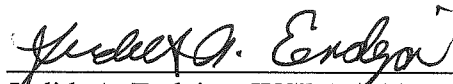
6. Sprint Nextel anticipates that the various issues and areas of concern that it raises, briefing and argument that it intends to set forth, as well as evidence that it may provide, will be of meaningful assistance to the Commission and the other parties to this proceeding when evaluating the proposed petition. Permitting Sprint Nextel leave to

intervene will not result in a broadening of the issues already raised pursuant to the merits of Petitioners' petition, nor shall Sprint Nextel's participation cause a delay of these proceedings.

WHEREFORE, Sprint Nextel requests leave to intervene as a party to this proceeding, seeks a right to participate in the full hearing process, including but not limited to the right to conduct discovery, to brief on issues arising during this proceeding, to have notice of and to appear during testimony, to produce and cross-examine witnesses and to be heard either in person or telephonically at oral argument.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 29<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2013.

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