

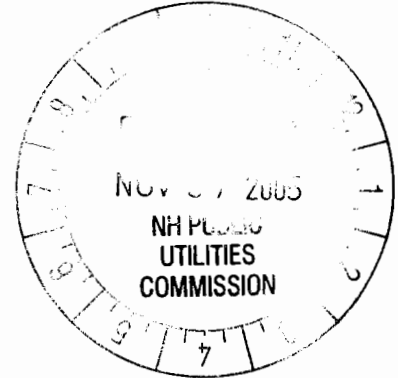


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Honorable Debra A. Howland  
Executive Director & Secretary  
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission  
21 S. Fruit Street, Suite 10  
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RE: DM 05-172, Investigation Concerning Installation, Maintenance, and Shared Use Of Utility Poles

Dear Secretary Howland,

Please find enclosed for filing an original and eight (8) copies of Sprint Spectrum, L.P. and Nextel Communications of the Mid-Atlantic, Inc.'s (collectively "Sprint Nextel") Petition for Intervention in the above referenced proceeding.

Please contact me at the letterhead address or phone number if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Garnet M. Goins

Enclosures

cc: certificate of service

**BEFORE THE  
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

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<b>In the Matter of the</b>	)	
<b>Investigation into the Installation</b>	)	<b>DM 05-172</b>
<b>And Maintenance of Utility Poles</b>	)	

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**SPRINT CORPORATION'S  
PETITION FOR INTERVENTION**

Pursuant to New Hampshire Code of Administrative Rule PUC 203.02 and the Order Pursuant to RSA 365:5 issued October 24, 2005, Sprint Spectrum L.P., and Nextel Communications of the Mid-Atlantic, Inc. (collectively "Sprint Nextel") respectfully requests that the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission ("Commission" or "PUC") grant its Petition for Intervention in the above-referenced proceeding. As the basis for its request, Sprint states as follows:

1. Sprint Nextel operates as a commercial mobile radio service ("CMRS") provider offering wireless service in the state.<sup>1</sup>

2. On October 24, 2005, the Commission entered an order to open a formal investigation pursuant to RSA: 365:5 in connection with certain issues concerning the installation, maintenance and shared use of utility poles, as outlined in a memorandum filed by Staff on October 20, 2005. The Commission has asked interested parties to petition for intervention in this matter by November 7, 2005.

4. As a provider of wireless service in New Hampshire, Sprint Nextel has an interest in the investigation involving the installation, maintenance and shared use of

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<sup>1</sup> By statute, the Commission does not have jurisdiction over wireless carriers. NH RSA 362:6.

utility poles. Like other service providers, Sprint Nextel also is interested in any investigation involving pole attachment practices and procedures. Accordingly, Sprint Nextel seeks to intervene in this proceeding to monitor the discussions relating to the uses on utility poles in New Hampshire.

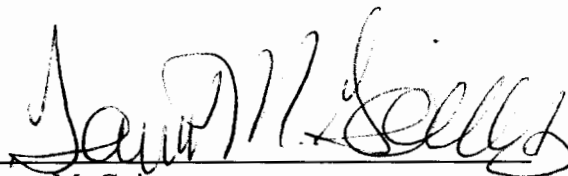
5. The interests of justice would be served by permitting this intervention. No other party can adequately represent Sprint Nextel's interests in this proceeding. No party will be unduly prejudiced by Sprint's intervention in this proceeding. Additionally, Sprint Nextel's intervention at this juncture should have no adverse impact on the conduct of the Commission's proceeding.

6. Sprint Nextel requests that all communications, correspondence, orders and other documentation relating to this proceeding be directed to the undersigned attorneys. Sprint also requests that the undersigned attorneys be placed on the official service list compiled for purposes of this proceeding.

WHEREFORE, Sprint Nextel respectfully requests that the Commission grant its Petition for Intervention in this proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,

Sprint Spectrum, L.P., and  
Nextel Communications of the Mid-Atlantic, Inc.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Garnet M. Goins", written over a horizontal line.

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Dated: November 4, 2005

## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Mable L. Semple, certify that I have served a true copy of Sprint Communications Company, L.P., foregoing document in Docket 05-172-1 upon the parties of record in this proceeding by First Class U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, and/or Federal Express Overnight Delivery.

Dated at Washington, DC. November 4, 2005

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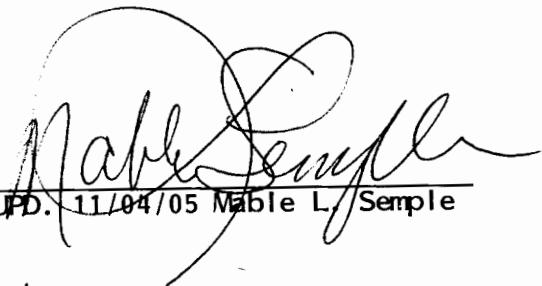
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