COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

| JOINT APPLICATION OF BELL ATLANTIC |) | |
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| CORPORATION AND GTE CORPORATION |) | CASE NO. |
| FOR ORDER AUTHORIZING TRANSFER |) | 98-519 |
| OF UTILITY |) | |

ORDER

This matter arises upon the motion of Sprint Communications Company L.P. ("Sprint"), filed October 12, 1998, for full intervention, and the response in opposition by Bell Atlantic Corporation and GTE Corporation. It appears to the Commission that Sprint has a special interest which is not otherwise adequately represented, and that such intervention is likely to present issues and develop facts that will assist the Commission in fully considering the matter without unduly complicating or disrupting the proceedings. Furthermore, the Commission finds that an informal conference may assist in resolution of issues in this proceeding.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

- 1. The motion of Sprint to intervene is granted.
- 2. Sprint shall be entitled to the full rights of a party and shall be served with the Commission's Orders and with filed testimony, exhibits, pleadings, correspondence, and all other documents submitted by parties after the date of this Order.
- 3. Should Sprint file documents of any kind with the Commission in the course of these proceedings, it shall also serve a copy of said documents on all other parties of record.

4. An informal conference is scheduled for November 18, 1998, at 10:00 a.m., Eastern Standard Time, in Conference Room 1 of the Commission's offices at 730 Schenkel Lane, Frankfort, Kentucky.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 5th day of November, 1998.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

For the Commission

ATTEST

Executive Director