

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

PETITION OF NPCR, INC. D/B/A NEXTEL	)	
PARTNERS FOR DESIGNATION AS AN	)	CASE NO.
ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER	)	2003-00143
IN THE STATE OF KENTUCKY	)	

O R D E R

On January 31, 2008, NPCR, Inc. d/b/a Nextel Partners, on behalf of itself and its corporate affiliates Nextel West Corporation, Sprint Spectrum, L.P., and SprintCom, Inc. (collectively "Sprint Nextel"), filed a petition to amend its Eligible Telecommunications Carrier ("ETC") designation, pursuant to Section 214(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. On February 7, 2008, Sprint Nextel certified to the Commission that it had served its petition on all parties of this case. The Commission has sought comments on the petition and none were filed.

By Order December 16, 2004, the Commission designated NPCR, Inc. as a competitive ETC. In August 2005, Sprint Corporation, the former corporate parent of SprintCom, Inc. and Sprint Spectrum, L.P., merged with Nextel Communications Inc., the former corporate parent of Nextel West Corporation, to form Sprint Nextel Corporation. In June 2006, Sprint Nextel Corporation acquired Nextel Partners, Inc., the corporate parent of NPCR, Inc. As a result of the merger and acquisition, all of the Petitioners are now affiliates of one another and wholly-owned operating entities of Sprint Nextel Corporation.

Prior to the above-referenced merger and acquisition, Sprint Corporation's operating entities provided wireless telecommunications services utilizing Code Division Multiple Access ("CDMA") technology. Nextel Communications, Inc.'s operating entities and NPCR, Inc. provided wireless telecommunications services utilizing integrated Digital Enhanced Network ("iDEN") technology. Since the merger and acquisition, the operating entities of Sprint Nextel Corporation have provided both CDMA and iDEN services.

Sprint Nextel requests that the Commission amend the ETC designation for NPCR, Inc. d/b/a Nextel Partners to include its corporate affiliates Nextel West Corporation, Sprint Spectrum, L.P., and SprintCom, Inc. to enable each of the Sprint Nextel corporate affiliates providing commercial mobile radio service ("CMRS") in designated areas in Kentucky to provide service as a competitive ETC. This will allow any Sprint Nextel affiliate to obtain universal service funding for all customers that subscribe to Sprint Nextel service throughout the designated ETC service area.

The Petitioners have demonstrated through the application that they meet the requirements for ETC designation. NPCR, Inc.'s ETC designated service area is located wholly within the geographic limits of Sprint Nextel's Federal Communications Commission's ("FCC") licensed service areas; therefore, all Sprint Nextel affiliates will be able to offer the supported service throughout the designated area.

Sprint Nextel will abide by the commitments made by NPCR, Inc. in its ETC application. Specifically, consistent with 47 U.S.C. § 214(e)(1) of the federal Communications Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.201(d) of the FCC's rules, Sprint Nextel commits to offer the services that are supported by federal universal service support mechanisms either using its own facilities or a combination of its own facilities and

resale of another carrier's services throughout the ETC-designated areas upon reasonable request, and to advertise the availability of such services and the charges therefore using media of general distribution. In addition, Sprint Nextel commits to continue to participate in the federal Lifeline and Link Up programs in compliance with the FCC's requirements. Further, Sprint Nextel commits to continue to file with the Commission plans for the use of high cost support to be received; records and documentation detailing Sprint Nextel's progress toward meeting its build-out plans; number of complaints per 1,000 handsets; and information detailing the number of unfulfilled requests for service for the past year.

The Commission therefore finds that the ETC designation of NPCR, Inc. should be expanded to include all affiliates of Sprint Nextel for those areas in which NPCR, Inc. was previously designated as an ETC.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. The ETC designation of NPCR, Inc. should be expanded to all Sprint Nextel affiliates, specifically, Nextel West Corporation, Sprint Spectrum, L.P., and SprintCom, Inc., for those areas in which NPCR, Inc. was previously designated as an ETC in this case.

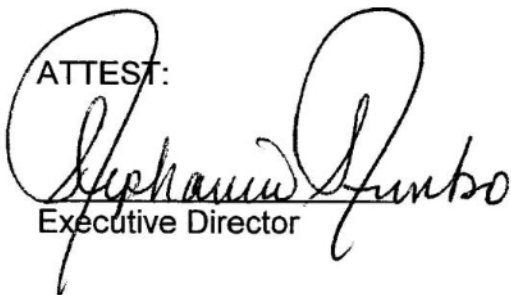
2. The Commission's Executive Director will recertify Sprint Nextel's use of Universal Service Fund support for the calendar year 2008 by letter and by serving a copy of this Order on the Universal Service Administrative Company and the FCC.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 24<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2008.

By the Commission

Commissioner Clark Abstains.

ATTEST:

Handwritten signature of Stephanie Gumbo in cursive script.

Executive Director