

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 )  
ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ) CASE NO. 2003-00143  
CARRIER IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF )  
KENTUCKY )

O R D E R

On April 23, 2003, NPCR, Inc. d/b/a Nextel Partners ( Nextel Partners ), a Commercial Mobile Radio Service carrier, filed with the Commission a petition under 47 U.S.C. Section 214(e)(2) seeking designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier ( ETC ) to receive federal universal service support for service offered throughout its licensed service area in the state of Kentucky, including rural and non-rural areas.<sup>1</sup> On May 12, 2003, Nextel Partners filed an amendment to its petition with regard to serving notice on all affected carriers.

The petition states that: (1) Nextel Partners meets all the requirements for designation as an ETC to serve the designated areas in the state of Kentucky;<sup>2</sup> (2) Nextel Partners requests designation throughout each of the designated areas within its service coverage;<sup>3</sup> (3) In accordance with 47 U.S.C. Section 214(e)(2), Nextel Partners

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<sup>1</sup> See NPCR, Inc. d/b/a Nextel Partners Petition for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier in the State of Kentucky, filed April 23, 2003 (Petition). Nextel Partners requests ETC designation throughout its licensed service area in Kentucky. See Id. at 1, and Attachment 1.

<sup>2</sup> Id. at 2-4.

<sup>3</sup> Id. at 5.

is entitled to be designated as an ETC in non-rural wirecenters;<sup>4</sup> and (5) Designation of Nextel Partners as an ETC for the designated areas served by a Rural Telephone Company in Kentucky will serve the public interest.<sup>5</sup>

The Commission seeks comment on Nextel Partners petition from affected parties and the general public. Comments should be filed within 30 days of the date of this Order. Any requests for a public hearing must be filed within 60 days of the date of this Order.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. Comments on the application shall be filed within 30 days of the date of this Order.

2. Requests for a public hearing should be filed within 60 days of the date of this Order.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 6<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2003.

By the Commission

ATTEST:

  
Executive Director

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<sup>4</sup> Id.

<sup>5</sup> Id. at 6.