

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

O R D E R

On July 9, 2003, the Commission granted Logan Telephone Cooperative, Inc.; Mountain Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc.; Peoples Rural Telephone Corporation, Inc.; South Central Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc.; and the Independent Telephone Group (hereinafter referred to collectively as Petitioners) full intervention in this proceeding. The Petitioners submitted their comments pursuant to the Commission s Order in this proceeding on July 23, 2003. Raising a number of issues for the Commission to examine, the Petitioners recommend that a procedural schedule be established. On July 17, 2003, the TDS Telecom Companies, Leslie County Telephone Company, and Lewisport Telephone Company filed their comments in this proceeding. The TDS Telecom Companies also raise a number of issues with regard to the designation of NPCR, Inc. d/b/a Nextel Partners (Nextel) as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) in rural study areas.

The Commission finds that the issues raised by the Petitioners and the TDS Telecom Companies are germane to this proceeding. Therefore, the Commission adjusts the procedural schedule.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. By no later than August 29, 2003, the intervenors shall submit information requests to Nextel with an original and 6 copies to the Commission and a copy to all parties of record.
2. By no later than September 12, 2003, Nextel shall respond to the requests.
3. By no later than September 26, 2003, parties may file any additional comments in response to the petition and the information requests.
4. Parties shall submit any requests for a hearing no later than October 10, 2003. If no such requests are filed, this matter shall be submitted to the Commission without further Order.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 13th day of August, 2003.

By the Commission

ATTEST:


Executive Director