

STATE OF ILLINOIS

ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION

ILLINOIS INDEPENDENT TELEPHONE ASSOCIATION)	
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Petition for initiation of an investigation of the necessity of and the establishment of a Universal Service Support Fund in accordance in accordance with Section 13-301(d) of The Public Utilities Act.)	Docket No. 00-0233
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ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION)	
On Its Own Motion)	
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Investigation into the necessity of and, if appropriate, the establishment of a universal support fund pursuant to Section 13-301(d) of The Public Utilities Act.)	Docket No. 00-0335
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PETITION FOR LEAVE TO INTERVENE

NOW COMES, El Paso Telephone Company, by its attorneys, and respectfully petitions the Illinois Commerce Commission for leave to intervene in the above entitled proceedings and in support thereof states as follows:

1. El Paso Telephone Company is a local exchange carrier that potentially qualifies for support from any universal service fund created under the provisions of Section 13-301(d) of The Public Utilities Act.

2. That the name, address and telephone number of the Petitioner seeking leave to intervene is:

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That service should be made on Petitioner's attorney listed herein.

3. El Paso Telephone Company will be affected by any Commission Orders entered in these consolidated dockets.

WHEREFORE, El Paso Telephone Company prays that this Commission grant it leave to intervene and be treated as a party to these proceedings.

DATED this ____ day of _____, 2001.

Respectfully submitted,

EL PASO TELEPHONE COMPANY

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