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Ms. Patty Van Gerpen  
Public Utilities Commission  
500 E. Capitol  
Pierre, SD 57501

Re: In the Matter of the Application of Native American Telecom,  
LLC for a Certificate of Authority to Provide Local Exchange  
Service on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation  
TC 08-100

Gentlemen:

Enclosed herewith for filing please find Great Plains Communications Petition to Intervene.

By copy of this letter I am providing electronic copies to the parties involved.

Sincerely yours,

RITER, ROGERS, WATTIER & NORTHRUP,  
LLP

By:   
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Enclosure

Cc: All interested parties

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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION )  
OF NATIVE AMERICAN TELECOM, LLC )  
FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY ) DOCKET TC08-109  
TO PROVIDE LOCAL EXCHANGE )  
SERVICE ON THE PINE RIDGE INDIAN )  
RESERVATION )

**GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS  
PETITION TO INTERVENE**

Great Plains Communications (Great Plains), hereby petitions to intervene as a party in this matter pursuant to ARSD 20:10:01:15.02 and 20:10:32:04. In support of this Petition, Great Plains states as follows:

1. In its Petition, Native American Telecom, LLC (Native Telecom) requests authority to provide local exchange service on the Pine Ridge Indian reservation which may include Great Plains' service area.
2. Great Plains is a telecommunications company that already holds a certificate of authority to provide local exchange service in the geographic area where Native Telecom seeks to provide local exchange service.
3. Great Plains, by this petition, requests intervener status in this proceeding.
4. ARSD 20:10:32:04 provides that the Commission "shall, upon request, grant each of the already certified telecommunications companies intervener status in any commission proceeding held on the application".
5. In addition, because Native Telecom's Petition seeks certification for local exchange services within Great Plains' service territory, Great Plains has an interest in and may be impacted by this proceeding.

6. Based on the foregoing, Great Plains is an interested party in this matter entitled to intervening party status.

WHEREFORE, Great Plains requests that the Commission grant its Petition and allow it to intervene and be granted party status in this proceeding.

Dated this twenty-fifth day of September, 2008.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS PETITION TO INTERVENE was served via the method(s) indicated below, on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2008, addressed to:

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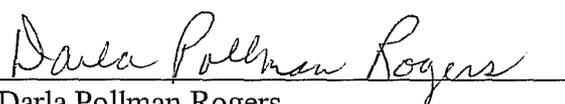
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