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Ms. Patricia Van Gerpen
Public Utilities Commission
500 E. Capitol
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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 08-109

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Enclosed herewith for filing please find Golden West Telecommunications
Cooperative's 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: *Margo D Northrup*
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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 NO. TC08-109
TO PROVIDE LOCAL EXCHANGE)
SERVICE ON THE PINE RIDGE INDIAN)
RESERVATION)

GOLDEN WEST TELECOMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE

PETITION TO INTERVENE

Golden West Telecommunications Cooperative (Golden West), 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, Golden West 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 Golden West's service area.

2. Golden West 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. Golden West, by this petition, requests intervener status in this proceeding.

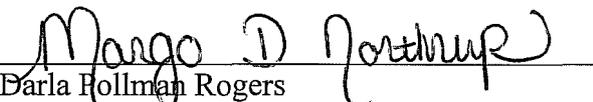
4. ARSD 20:10:32:04 provides that the Commission "shall, upon request, grant each of the already certified telecommunications companies intervener status in any commission proceeding held on the application".

5. In addition, because Native Telecom's Petition seeks certification for local exchange services within Golden West's service territory, Golden West has an interest in and may be impacted by this proceeding.

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

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

Dated this 26 day of September, 2008.


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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of GOLDEN WEST TELECOMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE PETITION TO INTERVENE was served via the method(s) indicated below, on the 26 day of September, 2008, addressed to:

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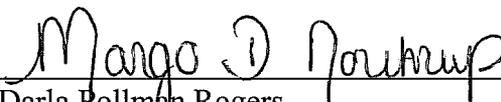
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