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Chairman Brandon Sazue
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Dear Chairman Sazue:

Thank you for your letter dated October 2, 2008 regarding the intervention of Midstate Communication and Venture Communication on the CLEC application submitted by Native American Telecom, docket TC08-110. I certainly understand your strong interest in their request for intervention.

Unfortunately, South Dakota law does not permit me to engage in direct discussions with you on this docket. Public Utilities Commissioners acting in a judicial or quasi-judicial capacity are not allowed to communicate with individuals regarding pending dockets, except within the confines of the official proceeding. Therefore, when dealing with open dockets, our practice is to file letters or emails into our official docket that are sent to Commissioners. In accordance with that practice, your letter will be added to TC08-110 at www.puc.sd.gov so all interested parties may reference it. We have implemented an e filing system for your convenience that allows you to electronically file letters directly with the PUC. Our e filing procedures can be found at <http://puc.sd.gov/EFilingOptions.aspx>.

This system also allows interested persons to electronically access all documents filed in TC08-110. The link to this docket is <http://puc.sd.gov/Dockets/Telecom/2008/tc08-110.aspx>. I hope that you find this helpful when following the progress of this docket.

Sincerely,

Gary Hanson
Chairman