

**Crow Creek Sioux Tribe**

**Crow Creek Utility Authority**

In the Matter of }  
Native American Telecom, LLC }  
Request To Provide Telecommunications }  
Service Within The Exterior Boundaries }  
of the Crow Creek Reservation }

**Order Granting Approval To Provide Telecommunications Service**

Native American Telecom, LLC (“Native Telecom”) is hereby granted authority to provide telecommunications service on the Crow Creek reservation.<sup>1</sup>

Under the Constitution and By Laws of the Crow Creek Sioux Tribe, the Tribal Council is empowered and authorized to enact resolutions and ordinances governing the management of all economic and educational affairs and enterprises of the Tribe. The Crow Creek Utility Authority Ordinance was amended in September 1997 to establish the Crow Creek Utility Authority. Under the Crow Creek Utility Authority Plan of Operation, the stated purpose of the Crow Creek Utility Authority is to “plan for, provide, and furnish utility services in all areas of the Crow Creek Sioux Reservation” (Section 3.A.1.).

Native Telecom proposes to: (i) provide basic telephone and advanced broadband services, which are “utility services” essential to the health and welfare of the tribe; and (ii) provide these services in “all areas of the Crow Creek Sioux Reservation.” Furthermore, Native Telecom proposes to provide basic telephone service, consistent with the federal universal service requirements of 47 U.S.C. § 214(e) and the rules of the Federal Communications Commission (“FCC”). In addition, Native Telecom commits to work with the Crow Creek Sioux Tribe to identify and pursue economic development opportunities and make basic telephone and advanced broadband services readily available and affordable to residents of the reservation.

The Crow Creek Utility Authority concludes that Native Telecom’s proposal to provide basic telephone and advanced broadband services on the reservation is consistent with the “Crow Creek Indian Reservation Telecommunications Plan To Further Business, Economic, Social, and Educational Development” on the reservation.<sup>2</sup> Based upon


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<sup>1</sup> This approval is akin to competitive local exchange carrier (CLEC) approval provided to carriers outside of reservations.

<sup>2</sup> On August 19, 2008, the Crow Creek Sioux Tribe released its Telecommunications Plan To Further Business, Economic, Social, and Educational Development on the reservation.

Native Telecom's proposal and commitments, Native Telecom is hereby granted authority to provide telecommunications services on the Crow Creek Reservation subject to the jurisdiction of the laws of the Crow Creek Sioux Tribe.

Dated: October 28, 2008

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brandon Sazue". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Brandon Sazue  
Crow Creek Tribal Chairman