EXHIBIT B -CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY

Black Hills Communications, LLC

Operating Agreement

- A. THIS OPERATING AGREEMENT of Black Hills Communications, LLC (the "Company") is entered into as of the date set forth on the signature page hereto by each of the persons named in Exhibit A hereto (referred to individually as a Member and collectively as the Members).
- B. The Members have formed a limited liability company under the South Dakota Limited Liability Company Act. The articles of organization of the Company filed with the South Dakota Secretary of State are hereby adopted and approved by the Members.
- C. The Members enter into this agreement to provide for the governance of the Company and the conduct of its business, and to specify their relative rights and obligations.

NOW THEREFORE, the Members agree as follows:

ARTICLE 1: DEFINITIONS

Capitalized terms used in this agreement have the meanings specified in this Article or elsewhere in this agreement and when not so defined shall have the meanings set forth in the South Dakota Limited Liability Company Act.

"Capital Contribution" means the amount of cash, property or services contributed to the Company.

"Company" means Black Hills Communications, LLC, a South Dakota limited liability company.

- "Member" means a Person who acquires Membership Interests, as permitted under this agreement, and who becomes or remains a Member.
- "Membership Interests" means either Percentage Interest or Units, based on how ownership in the Company is expressed on Exhibit A.
- "Percentage Interest" means a percent ownership in the Company entitling the holder to an economic and voting interest in the Company.
- "Person" means an individual, partnership, limited partnership, trust, estate, association, corporation, limited liability company, or other entity, whether domestic or foreign.

"Unit" means a unit of ownership in the Company entitling the Member holding such Unit to an economic interest and a voting interest in the Company.

ARTICLE 2: CAPITAL AND CAPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS

- 2.1 Initial Capital Contributions and Membership Interests. The Capital Contributions of the initial Members, as well as the Membership Interests of each Member, are listed in Exhibit A, which is made part of this agreement. Membership Interests in the Company may be expressed either in Units or directly in Percentage Interests.
- 2.2 Subsequent Contributions. No Member shall be obligated to make additional capital contributions unless unanimously agreed by all the Members.
- 2.3 Capital Accounts. Individual capital accounts may be maintained for each Member consisting of that Member's Capital Contribution, (1) increased by that Member's share of profits, (2) decreased by that Member's share of losses and company expenses, (3) decreased by that Member's distributions and (4) adjusted as required in accordance with applicable tax laws.
- 2.4 Interest. No interest shall be paid on Capital Contributions or on the balance of a Member's capital account.
- 2.5 Limited Liability. A Member shall not be bound by, or be personally liable for, the expenses, liabilities, or obligations of the company except as otherwise provided in this agreement or as required by law.

ARTICLE 3: ALLOCATIONS AND DISTRIBUTIONS

- 3.1 Allocations. The profits and losses of the Company and all items of Company income, gain, loss, deduction, or credit shall be allocated, for Company book purposes and for tax purposes, pro rata in proportion to relative Membership Interests held by each Member.
- 3.2 **Distributions**. The Company shall have the right to make distributions of cash and property to the Members pro rata based on the relative Membership Interests. The timing and amount of distributions shall be determined by the Managers in accordance with South Dakota law.
- 3.3 Limitations on Distributions. The Company shall not make a distribution to a Member if, after giving effect to the distribution:
 - (a) The Company would be unable to pay its debts as they become due in the usual course of business, or

(b) The fair value of the Company's total assets would be less than the sum of its total liabilities plus the amount that would be needed, if the Company were to be dissolved at the time of the distribution, to satisfy the preferential rights upon dissolution of members, if any, whose preferential rights are superior to those of the Members receiving the distribution.

ARTICLE 4: MANAGEMENT

- 4.1 Management. The business of the Company shall be managed by one or more Managers. The Members initially nominate and elect the person(s) set forth in Exhibit B to serve as Manager(s) of the Company. Managers shall serve at the pleasure of the Members and may be elected or removed by Members holding a majority of the Membership Interests. Exhibit B shall be amended from time to time to reflect any changes in Managers. In the event of a dispute between Managers, final determination shall be made by a vote of the majority of the Managers. Any Manager may bind the Company in all matters in the ordinary course of business.
- 4.2 Meetings of Managers. Regular meetings of the Managers are not required but may be held at such time and place as the Managers deem necessary or desirable for the reasonable management of the Company. Meetings may take place in person, by conference telephone or by any other means permitted under South Dakota law. In addition, actions may be taken without a meeting if the Managers sign a written consent reflecting the action taken.
- 4.3 **Banking**. The Managers are authorized to set up one or more bank accounts and are authorized to execute any banking resolutions provided by the institution where the accounts are being set up. All funds of the Company shall be deposited in one or more accounts with one or more recognized financial institutions in the name of the Company.
- 4.4 Officers. The Managers are authorized to appoint one or more officers from time to time. The officers shall hold office until their successors are chosen and qualified. Subject to any employment agreement entered into between the officer and the Company, an officer shall serve at the pleasure of the Managers. The current officers of the Company are listed on Exhibit C.

ARTICLE 5: ACCOUNTS AND ACCOUNTING

5.1 Accounts. Complete books of account of the Company's business, in which each Company transaction shall be fully and accurately entered, shall be kept at the Company's principal executive office and shall be open to inspection and copying on reasonable notice by any Member, Manager or their authorized representatives during normal business hours for purposes reasonably related to the interest of such person as a Member or Manager. The costs of such inspection and copying shall be borne by the Member or Manager.

- 5.2 **Records.** At all times during the term of existence of the Company, and beyond that term if the Managers deems it necessary, the Managers shall keep or cause to be kept the following:
 - (a) A current list of the full name and last known business or residence address of each Member and Manager, together with the Capital Contribution, the amount and terms of any agreed upon future Capital Contribution, and Membership Interest of each Member:
 - (b) A copy of the articles of organization and any amendments;
 - (c) Copies of the Company's federal, state, and local income tax or information returns and reports, if any, for the three most recent taxable years; and
 - (d) An original executed copy or counterparts of this agreement and any amendments.
- 5.3 Income Tax Returns. Within 45 days after the end of each taxable year, the Company shall use its best efforts to send to each of the Members all information necessary for the Members to complete their federal and state income tax or information returns and a copy of the Company's federal, state, and local income tax or information returns for such year.
- 5.4 Tax Matters Member. Will MacHugh shall act as tax matters member of the Company to represent the Company (at the Company's expense) in connection with all examinations of the Company's affairs by tax authorities and to expend Company funds for professional services and costs associated therewith.

ARTICLE 6: MEMBERSHIP--MEETINGS, VOTING

- 6.1 Members and Voting Rights. Members shall have the right and power to vote on all matters with respect to which this agreement or South Dakota law requires or permits such Member action. Voting shall be based on Membership Interests. Unless otherwise stated in this Agreement or under South Dakota law, the vote of the Members holding a majority of the Membership Interests shall be required to approve or carry an action.
- 6.2 **Meetings**. Regular or annual meetings of the Members are not required but may be held at such time and place as the Members deem necessary or desirable for the reasonable management of the Company.

In any instance in which the approval of the Members is required under this agreement, such approval may be obtained in any manner permitted by South Dakota law, including by conference telephone or similar communications equipment. In addition, any action which could be taken at a meeting can be approved without a meeting and without notice if a consent in

writing, stating the action to be taken, is signed by the holders of the minimum Membership Interest needed to approve the action.

ARTICLE 7: WITHDRAWAL AND TRANSFERS OF MEMBERSHIP INTERESTS

- 7.1 Withdrawal. A Member may rightfully withdraw from the Company prior to the dissolution and winding up of the Company with the unanimous consent of the other Members, or if such Member transfers or assigns all of his or her Membership Interests pursuant to Section 7.3 below. A Member which withdraws pursuant to this Section 7.1 shall be entitled to a distribution in an amount equal to such Member's Capital Account.
- 7.2 Wrongful Dissociation by Express Will. A Member has the power to withdraw from the Company at any time. However, such dissociation shall be considered wrongful. A Member who wrongfully dissociates from the Company is liable to the Company, and to the other Members, for damages caused by the dissociation. A Member which withdraws pursuant to this Section 7.2 shall be entitled to a distribution in an amount equal to such Member's Capital Account, less any amount due to the Company for the wrongful dissociation
- 7.3 Restrictions on Transfer. A Member may transfer Membership Interests to any other Person without the consent of any other Member. A person may acquire Membership Interests directly from the Company upon the written consent of all Members. A person which acquires Membership Interests in accordance with this section shall be admitted as a Member of the Company after the person has agreed to be bound by the terms of this Operating Agreement by executing a consent in the form of Exhibit D.

ARTICLE 8: DISSOLUTION AND WINDING UP

- 8.1 **Dissolution**. The Company shall be dissolved upon the first to occur of the following events:
 - (a) The vote of Members holding all of the outstanding Membership Interests to dissolve the Company.
 - (b) An event that makes it unlawful for all or substantially all of the business of the Company to be continued, but any cure of illegality within 90 days after notice to the Company of the event is effective retroactively to the date of the event for purposes of this section.
 - (c) On application by a Member or a dissociated Member, upon entry of a judicial decree that: