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Patricia Van Gerpen
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
500 East Capitol Avenue
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Re: In The Matter of the Petition of Cellco Partnership and its Subsidiaries and
Affiliates To Amend and Consolidate Eligible Telecommunications Carrier
Designations in the State of South Dakota and to Partially Relinquish ETC
Designation (TC10-090)

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen,

Enclosed for filing in the above stated docket, please find the Petition to Intervene on
behalf of Golden West Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc.

Very truly,

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF)	
CELLCO PARTNERSHIP AND ITS)	
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PETITION TO INTERVENE ON BEHALF OF GOLDEN WEST
TELECOMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE, INC.

Golden West Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc., (“Golden West”) hereby petitions the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) for intervention in the above captioned proceeding pursuant to SDCL § 1-26-17.1 and ARSD §§ 20:10:01:15.02, 20:10:01:15.03 and 20:10:01:15.05. In support thereof, Golden West states as follows:

1. Golden West is a local exchange carrier (LEC) headquartered in Wall, South Dakota, that holds a Certificate of Authority from this Commission to provide local exchange service.

2. On September 3, 2010, the Commission received a Petition from Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless (“Cellco”), on behalf of its subsidiaries and affiliates offering commercial mobile radio services (“CMRS”) in the State of South Dakota (collectively, “Verizon Wireless”), to amend and consolidate the eligible telecommunications carrier (“ETC”) designations currently held separately in the name of WWC License, LLC, successor to GCC License Corporation (“WWC”), and RCC Minnesota, Inc. (“RCC”) in the State of South Dakota (collectively, the “ETC Designations”) to reflect Cellco and its affiliated legal entities as the designated entity.

Verizon Wireless further requested partial relinquishment of its ETC status in the Golden West Study Area Code (“SAC”) 391659 to be deemed effective immediately.

3. Golden West (which operates as a rural LEC and has ETC status in SAC 391659), operates as an incumbent local exchange carrier and “rural telephone company” and may be “bound and affected favorably or adversely” by decisions made in this proceeding. (See ARSD § 20:10:01:15.05).

4. Golden West is unclear from the petition what the impact of relinquishment will have in SAC 391659. ARSD § 20:10:32:48 (4) states:

Prior to permitting a telecommunications company designated as an eligible telecommunications carrier to cease providing universal service in an area served by more than one eligible telecommunications carrier, the commission shall ensure that each customer served by the relinquishing carrier continues to be served, and shall require sufficient notice to permit the purchase or construction of adequate facilities by any remaining eligible telecommunications carrier. The commission shall establish a time, not to exceed one year after the commission approves such relinquishment, within which such purchase or construction shall be completed.

Golden West believes it needs further information regarding the reasons for the relinquishment and what the impact is to the customers in this service area, which is a Golden West service area.

5. Based on the foregoing, Golden West alleges that it is an interested party in this matter and would seek intervening party status.

Respectfully submitted this 24th day of September, 2010.


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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the Petition to Intervene, dated September 24th, 2010, filed in Commission Docket TC10-090 was served upon the Commission electronically, directed to the attention of:

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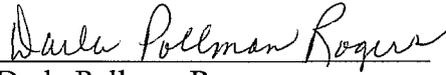
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