## BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION	)	TC17-001
OF WIDE VOICE LLC FOR A	)	
CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO	)	JOINT STIPULATION OF THE
PROVIDE LOCAL EXCHANGE AND	)	PARTIES RESOLVING ALL
INTEREXCHANGE LONG DISTANCE	)	ISSUES
SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA	)	

Come now, the parties in the above-entitled action, Andrew Nickerson, CEO of Wide Voice, LLC, ("Wide Voice"), Darla Pollman Rogers of Riter, Rogers, Wattier & Northrup, LLP, counsel for Intervenor South Dakota Network, LLC ("SDN"), and Richard Coit, counsel for Intervenor South Dakota Telecommunications Association ("SDTA"), and hereby submit this Joint Stipulation to the Commission:

1. SDN and SDTA have agreed to the issuance of Wide Voice's requested Certificates of Authority provided any final Order issued in this matter granting the Certificates of Authority incorporates the following language agreed to by the parties:

The parties agree any certificate of authority granted by this Commission to Wide Voice for local exchange services shall not extend to rural telephone company service areas. Wide Voice agrees that it will not provide "telephone exchange services" including "exchange access services" as defined under 47 U.S.C. § 153 directly to end user residential and/or business customer locations found within existing rural telephone company service areas. With respect to rural telephone company service areas, the local exchange services excluded from Commission certification will include the direct provisioning of: telephone exchange services, switched access services, and special access or dedicated transmission services.

In addition, the Commission's Order related to Wide Voice's request for local service authority shall provide that Wide Voice would have to come before the Commission in another proceeding before being able to provide any local exchange telecommunications services directly to residential or business end user customer locations within rural telephone company service areas. In such subsequent proceeding, the provisions of 47 U.S.C. § 253(f), SDCL § 49-31-73, and the Commission's administrative rules, which allow the Commission to require a company that seeks to provide service in a rural service area to meet the requirements in 47 U.S.C. § 214(e)(1) for designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier, would apply.

In addition, Wide Voice agrees that the offering of its service in South Dakota will not require it to request interconnection from any rural telephone company in South Dakota and, further, agrees that the granting of authority to Wide Voice to offer its services will not affect the exemptions, suspensions, and modification provisions applicable to rural telephone companies found in 47 U.S.C. § 251(f).

Also, in recognition of the centralized equal access configuration in South Dakota, Wide Voice agrees to deliver all interexchange traffic terminating to any customers of SDN's member company ILECs and their affiliated CLECs via the SDN tandem switch in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Nothing contained herein shall be construed as a limitation of any rights granted to SDN pursuant to the FCC Order in File No. W-P-C-6486, or in South Dakota Public Utilities Commission Order F3860.

2. With the execution and filing of this Joint Stipulation, the parties request that the Commission proceed with issuance of the requested Certificates of Authority subject to the parties agreed upon limitations.

Dated this 12 day of June, 2017.

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