BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF LEVEL 3 COMMUNICATIONS, LLC FOR APPROVAL TO EXPAND ITS CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE FACILITIES-BASED LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICES IN THE SERVICE TERRITORY OF BERESFORD MUNICIPAL TELEPHONE CO.	)	**ORDER GRANTING INTERVENTION** **TC02-018**

On February 19, 2002, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an Application from Level 3 Communications, LLC for approval to expand its certificate of authority to provide facilities-based local exchange services in the service territory of Beresford Municipal Telephone Co.

On February 21, 2002, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of March 8, 2002, to interested individuals and entities. Beresford Municipal Telephone Co. (Beresford) filed a Petition to Intervene on March 4, 2002.

The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26 and 49-31 and ARSD 20:10:01:15.05.

At a regularly scheduled meeting of March 28, 2002, the Commission found that the Petition to Intervene was timely filed and demonstrated good cause to grant intervention. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Petition to Intervene of Beresford is hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 4th day of April, 2002.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, by facsimile or by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.

By: Delaine Kolbo

Date: 4/5/02

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

PAM NELSON, Commissioner

ROBERT K. SAHR, Commissioner