

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTABLISHMENT) OF SWITCHED ACCESS RATES FOR DTG) COMMUNITY TELEPHONE N/K/A) PRAIRIEWAVE COMMUNITY TELEPHONE,) INC.)	ORDER: (i) PERMITTING) WITHDRAWAL OF COST) STUDY FILING; (ii)) GRANTING WAIVER OF) FILING REQUIREMENT; (iii)) SETTING FILING DATES;) AND, (iv) CLOSING DOCKET) TC02-087)
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On July 1, 2002, DTG Community Telephone n/k/a PrairieWave Community Telephone, Inc. (PrairieWave) filed for approval by the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) its 2001 Intrastate Switched Access Cost Study.

On July 3, 2002, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of July 19, 2002, to interested individuals and entities. On July 19, 2002, the Commission received a Petition to Intervene from S&S Communications (S&S). At a regularly scheduled meeting of July 23, 2002, the Commission granted intervention to S&S. The Commission also voted to assess a filing fee as requested by the Executive Director up to the statutory limit of \$100,000. On July 11, 2003, the Commission received a Motion to Dismiss S&S as intervenor in this proceeding from PrairieWave. At its regularly scheduled meeting of August 19, 2003, the Commission granted the Motion to Dismiss. On October 15, 2003, PrairieWave filed a Motion to Withdraw Cost Study Filing; Motion for Waiver of Filing Requirement. In its filing, PrairieWave offered two methods for determining the timing of the filing of its cost study.

At its regularly scheduled November 4, 2003, meeting, the Commission considered this matter. Commission Staff recommended that PrairieWave be allowed to withdraw its cost study and the Motion for Waiver of Filing Requirement be granted. Commission Staff recommended that the cost study test year end on December 31, 2003, and that the cost study be filed by July 1, 2004.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 1-26-17.1, 49-1A-9, 49-31-12.6, 49-31-18, 49-31-19 and ARSD 20:10:01:15.02, 20:10:01:15.05, 20:10:27:02, 20:10:27:07, 20:10:27:08, and 20:10:27:14. The Commission found that PrairieWave's request to withdraw its cost study filing and its request for a waiver of the filing requirement is reasonable. The Commission further found that PrairieWave should use a cost study test year ending December 31, 2003, and that it file its cost study no later than July 1, 2004. It is therefore

ORDERED, that PrairieWave shall be permitted to withdraw its cost study filing; and it is further

ORDERED, that PrairieWave's Motion for Waiver of Filing Requirement is granted; and it is further

ORDERED, that PrairieWave should use a cost study test year ending December 31, 2003, and shall file its cost study no later than July 1, 2004; and it is further

ORDERED, that this docket is closed.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 13th day of November, 2003.

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: Alvin Kolbo

Date: 11/14/03

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Robert K. Sahr

ROBERT K. SAHR, Chairman

Gary Hanson

GARY HANSON, Commissioner

James A. Burg

JAMES A. BURG, Commissioner