

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING FOR)	ORDER APPROVING
APPROVAL OF AN INTERCONNECTION AND)	AGREEMENT
RECIPROCAL COMPENSATION AGREEMENT)	
BETWEEN COMMNET CELLULAR LICENSE)	TC03-038
HOLDING, INC. D/B/A VERIZON WIRELESS,)	
MISSOURI VALLEY CELLULAR, INC. D/B/A)	
VERIZON WIRELESS, SANDBORN CELLULAR)	
OF SOUTH DAKOTA LIMITED PARTNERSHIP)	
D/B/A VERIZON WIRELESS AND EASTERN)	
SOUTH DAKOTA CELLULAR, INC. D/B/A)	
VERIZON WIRELESS AND PRAIRIEWAVE)	
TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.)	

On January 23, 2003, PrairieWave Telecommunications, Inc. (PrairieWave) filed for approval by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) an interconnection and reciprocal compensation agreement between CommNet Cellular License Holding, Inc. d/b/a Verizon Wireless, Missouri Valley Cellular, Inc. d/b/a Verizon Wireless, Sandborn Cellular of South Dakota Limited Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless and Eastern South Dakota Cellular, Inc. d/b/a Verizon Wireless (Verizon) and PrairieWave.

On January 30, 2003, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of this filing to interested individuals and entities. The notice stated that any person wishing to comment on the parties' request for approval had until February 12, 2003, to do so. No comments were filed.

At its duly noticed February 20, 2003, meeting, the Commission considered whether to approve the agreement between PrairieWave and Verizon. Commission Staff recommended approval.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-31, and the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996. In accordance with 47 U.S.C. § 252(e)(2), the Commission found that the agreement does not discriminate against a telecommunications carrier that is not a party to the agreement and the agreement is consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity. The Commission unanimously voted to approve the agreement. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Commission approves the agreement.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 7th day of March, 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: *Nelaine Kalbs*

Date: 3/11/03

(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