

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

<b>IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY WWC )</b>	<b>ORDER GRANTING</b>
<b>HOLDING CO., INC. D/B/A CELLULARONE )</b>	<b>INTERVENTION</b>
<b>FOR DESIGNATION AS AN ELIGIBLE )</b>	
<b>TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER IN OTHER )</b>	<b>TC03-191</b>
<b>RURAL AREAS )</b>	

On November 5, 2003, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing by WWC Holding Co., Inc. d/b/a CellularOne (Western Wireless) petitioning for approval of it as an eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) in the study areas of the following rural telephone companies: Golden West Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc., James Valley Cooperative Telephone Company, Splitrock Properties, Inc., Venture Communications Cooperative f/k/a Sully Buttes Telephone Cooperative, Inc., Tri-County Telcom, Inc., Vivian Telephone Company., West River Telecommunications Cooperative (Mobridge) - SD, and West River Telecommunications Cooperative - SD.

On November 6, 2003, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of November 21, 2003, to interested individuals and entities. On November 21, 2003, Petitions to intervene were filed by the following parties:

James Valley Cooperative Telephone Company  
South Dakota Telecommunications Association  
Alliance Communications Cooperative, Inc.  
Splitrock Properties, Inc.  
West River Telecommunications Cooperative  
Golden West Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc.  
Vivian Telephone Company  
Venture Communications Cooperative  
Tri-County Telcom, Inc.

The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26 and 49-31.

At a regularly scheduled meeting of December 2, 2003, the Commission considered this matter. Western Wireless objected to the intervention of South Dakota Telecommunications Association. The Commission found that the Petitions to Intervene which are listed above were timely filed and demonstrated good cause to grant intervention. It is therefore

ORDERED that the Petitions to intervene by James Valley Cooperative Telephone Company, South Dakota Telecommunications Association, Alliance Communications Cooperative, Inc., Splitrock Properties, Inc., West River Telecommunications Cooperative, Golden West Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc., Vivian Telephone

Company, Venture Communications Cooperative and Tri-County Telcom, Inc., shall be granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 17<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2003.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p>By: <u><i>Helaine Kalbo</i></u></p> <p>Date: <u>12/19/03</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(OFFICIAL SEAL)</p>
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

*Robert K. Sahr*

ROBERT K. SAHR, Chairman

*Gary Hanson*

GARY HANSON, Commissioner

*James A. Burg*

JAMES A. BURG, Commissioner