

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY WWC) ORDER GRANTING MOTION
LICENSE, LLC D/B/A CELLULARONE FOR) TO AMEND PETITION
DESIGNATION AS AN ELIGIBLE)
TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER IN OTHER) TC03-191
RURAL AREAS)**

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 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. Western Wireless objected to the intervention of South Dakota Telecommunications Association. At its regularly scheduled meeting of December 2, 2003, the Commission granted the above Petitions to Intervene. On January 2, 2004, Western Wireless filed a Motion to Amend Petition to substitute as petitioner WWC License, LLC as the correct party.

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

At its regularly scheduled meeting of January 20, 2004, the Commission considered the Motion to Amend Petition. The Commission voted to grant the Motion to Amend Petition. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Motion to Amend Petition shall be granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 28th day of January, 2004.

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:	<u>Delaine Kolbo</u>
Date:	<u>1/28/04</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)	

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Robert K. Sahr
ROBERT K. SAHR, Chairman

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Commissioner