

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY RCC)	ORDER SETTING BRIEFING
MINNESOTA, INC. AND WIRELESS ALLIANCE,)	SCHEDULE
L.L.C. D/B/A UNICEL FOR DESIGNATION AS)	
AN ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS)	TC03-193
CARRIER)	

On November 18, 2003, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a petition (Petition) from RCC Minnesota, Inc. and Wireless Alliance, L.L.C. d/b/a Unicel (RCC) requesting designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) for service areas in northeastern and southeastern South Dakota. The service areas proposed by RCC for designation encompass all or portions of ten non-rural Qwest wire centers, as set forth on Exhibit B to the Petition, and all or portions of certain rural telephone companies' study areas, as set forth on Exhibits C and D to the Petition. On November 20, 2003, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of December 5, 2003, to interested individuals and entities. On December 16, 2003, the Commission granted intervention to James Valley Cooperative Telephone Company, Union Telephone Company, Stockholm-Strandburg Telephone Company, Venture Communications Cooperative, Interstate Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc., Sioux Valley Telephone Company, PrairieWave Community Telephone, Inc., South Dakota Telecommunications Association, Roberts County Telephone Cooperative Association, RC Communications, Inc., and Alliance Communications Cooperative, Inc.

A hearing was held on this matter on October 13 and 14, 2004. At the close of the hearing, the parties agreed that they would discuss a briefing schedule and inform the Commission if they agreed upon a schedule. On October 21, 2004, the Commission received the following proposed briefing schedule:

RCC shall file its brief 21 days after it receives the transcript of the hearing;

Intervenors and Staff shall file their briefs 21 days after receipt of RCC's brief;

RCC shall file a reply brief 10 days after receipt of the Intervenors' and Staff's briefs.

The parties further agreed that all briefs shall be both emailed and sent by mail.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26 and 49-31, including 1-26-18, 1-26-19, 49-31-3, 49-31-7, 49-31-7.1, 49-31-11, 49-31-78, 49-31-81; ARSD 20:10:32:42 through 20:10:32:46, inclusive; and 47 U.S.C. § 214(e)(1) through (5). The Commission approves of the briefing schedule as proposed by the parties. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the parties shall follow the briefing schedule as set forth above.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 22nd day of October, 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: Delaine Kolbo

Date: 10/22/04

(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