

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)	ORDER GRANTING
AVENTURE COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY,)	CERTIFICATE OF
L.L.C. FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY)	AUTHORITY
TO PROVIDE LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICES)	
IN SOUTH DAKOTA)	TC06-047

On May 16, 2006, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an application for a Certificate of Authority from Aventure Communication Technology, L.L.C. ("Aventure") for approval to provide competitive full-service facilities-based local exchange services to customers in the state of South Dakota. Aventure proposes to provide these services with wireless local loop technology using licensed spectrum, as well as transport from the soft-switch located in Sioux City, Iowa. Aventure initially intends to offer services in the following service territories: 1) Qwest Corporation, Elk Point, Yankton, and Vermillion exchanges; 2) Jefferson Telephone Company d/b/a Long Lines, Jefferson exchange; 3) PrairieWave Community Telephone, Inc., Alsen, Gayville, Irene and Wakonda exchanges; 4) Alliance Communications Cooperative, Inc, Alcester exchange; and 5) Vivian Telephone Company, Avon, Scotland, Lesterville and Scotland exchanges.

On May 18, 2006, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of June 2, 2006, to interested individuals and entities. On May 30, 2006, the Commission received a Petition to Intervene from South Dakota Telecommunications Association (SDTA). On June 2, 2006, the Commission received a Petition to Intervene from Alliance Communications Cooperative, Inc. (Alliance). On June 5, 2006, the Commission received letters requesting intervention from Jefferson Telephone Company d/b/a Long Lines (Jefferson Telephone) and Vivian Telephone Company d/b/a Golden West Telecommunications (Vivian). On June 7, 2006, the Commission received a letter requesting intervention from PrairieWave Community Telephone, Inc. (PrairieWave). At a regularly scheduled meeting of June 13, 2006, the Commission granted intervention to SDTA, Alliance, Jefferson Telephone, Vivian and PrairieWave.

At its December 19, 2006, meeting, the Commission considered Aventure's request for a certificate of authority. Commission Staff recommended granting a certificate of authority, subject to the condition that Aventure not offer any prepaid services (including prepaid calling cards) and not accept or require any deposits or advance payments without prior approval of the Commission and grant the request for confidential treatment of Aventure's financial statements.

The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-31, specifically 49-31-3 and 49-31-69 and 20:10:32:03. The Commission finds that Aventure has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. Aventure, in accordance with SDCL 49-31-3, and 49-31-71, demonstrated sufficient technical, financial and managerial capabilities to offer telecommunications services in South Dakota. The Commission approves Aventure's application for a

certificate of authority, subject to the condition that Aventure not offer any prepaid services (including prepaid calling cards) and not accept or require any deposits or advance payments without prior approval of the Commission, and approves the request for confidential treatment of Aventure's financial statements. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED, that Aventure's application for a certificate of authority to provide local exchange services in the following service territories: 1) Qwest Corporation, Elk Point, Yankton, and Vermillion exchanges; 2) Jefferson Telephone Company d/b/a Long Lines, Jefferson exchange; 3) PrairieWave Community Telephone, Inc., Alsen, Gayville, Irene and Wakonda exchanges; 4) Alliance Communications Cooperative, Inc, Alcester exchange, and 5) Vivian Telephone Company, Avon, Scotland, Lesterville and Scotland exchanges, is hereby granted, subject to the condition that Aventure not offer any prepaid services (including prepaid calling cards) and not accept or require any deposits or advance payments without prior approval of the Commission. It is

FURTHER ORDERED, that the financial statements will be treated as confidential. It is

FURTHER ORDERED, that Aventure shall file informational copies of tariff changes with the Commission as the changes occur.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 9th day of January, 2007.

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>Aldine Kolbo</u>
Date:	<u>1/12/07</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)	

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Dustin M. Johnson
DUSTIN M. JOHNSON, Chairman

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Commissioner

Steve Kolbeck
STEVEN KOLBECK, Commissioner