BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF NATIVE AMERICAN TELECOM, LLC FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE ON THE PINE RIDGE INDIAN RESERVATION	)))))	**ORDER GRANTING INTERVENTION** **TC08-109**

On September 9, 2008, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an Application from Native American Telecom, LLC (Native American) for authority to provide local exchange service on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation.

On September 11, 2008, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of September 26, 2008, to interested individuals and entities. Great Plains Communications (Great Plains) filed to intervene on September 25, 2008. Golden West Telecommunications Cooperative (Golden West), Fort Randall Telephone Company (Fort Randall) and South Dakota Telecommunications Association (SDTA) filed to intervene on September 26, 2008.

The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26 and 49-31 and ARSD 20:10:01:15.05.

At a regularly scheduled meeting of October 7, 2008, the Commission found that the Petitions to Intervene were timely filed and demonstrated good cause to grant intervention. The Commission granted intervention to Great Plains, Golden West, Fort Randall and SDTA.

It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Petitions to Intervene of Great Plains, Golden West, Fort Randall and SDTA are hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 21st day of October, 2008.

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, electronically.

By: Delaine Kolbo

Date: 10/22/08

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

GARY HANSON, Chairman

STEVE KOLBECK, Commissioner

DUSTIN M. JOHNSON, Commissioner