

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING FOR  
APPROVAL OF AN INTERCONNECTION  
AGREEMENT BETWEEN GOLDEN WEST  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE,  
INC. AND NATIVE AMERICAN TELECOM,  
LLC**

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**ORDER APPROVING  
AGREEMENT**

**TC10-018**

On February 11, 2010, the Commission received a filing for approval of an Interconnection Agreement between Golden West Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc. (Golden West) and Native American Telecom, LLC (Native American) for the State of South Dakota. Any party wishing to comment on the Agreement may do so by filing written comments with the Commission and the parties to the Agreement no later than March 3, 2010. Parties to the Agreement may file written responses to the comments no later than twenty days after service of the initial comments. The Commission did not receive any comments on this matter.

At its March 23, 2010, meeting, the Commission considered whether to approve the agreement between Golden West and Native American. Commission Staff recommended its approval.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-31, and the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996. In accordance with 47 U.S.C § 252(e)(2), the Commission found that the agreement does not discriminate against a telecommunications carrier that is not a party to the agreement and the agreement is consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity. The Commission unanimously voted to approve the agreement. It is therefore

**ORDERED**, that the Commission approves the interconnection agreement between Golden West and Native American.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 26<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2010.

<b>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</b>
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: <u>Clinssa J. Gunkler</u>
Date: <u>03/26/10</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Dustin M. Johnson  
DUSTIN M. JOHNSON, Chairman

Steve Kolbeck  
STEVE KOLBECK, Commissioner

Gary Hanson  
GARY HANSON, Commissioner