

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF)
CELLCO PARTNERSHIPS AND ITS)
SUBSIDIARIES AND AFFILIATES TO AMEND)
AND CONSOLIDATE ELIGIBLE)
TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER)
DESIGNATIONS IN THE STATE OF SOUTH)
DAKOTA AND TO PARTIALLY RELINQUISH)
ETC DESIGNATIONS)

**ORDER GRANTING
INTERVENTION**

TC10-090

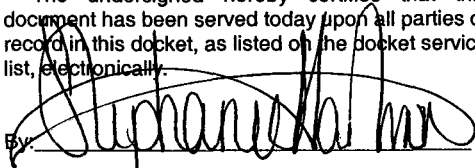
On September 3, 2010, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a petition from Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless, and its subsidiaries and affiliates offering commercial mobile radio services in South Dakota (Verizon Wireless), to amend and consolidate the eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) designations currently held separately in the name of WWC License, LLC and RCC Minnesota, Inc. in the state of South Dakota to reflect Cellco Partnership and its affiliated legal entities as the designated entity. Verizon Wireless requests that amendment and consolidation of the ETC designations be deemed effective immediately. Verizon Wireless further requests that the partial relinquishment of its ETC status in the Golden West Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc. Study Area Code 391659 be deemed effective immediately. On September 9, 2010, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing to interested individuals and entities. The notice stated that any person wishing to intervene had until September 24, 2010, to do so. On September 24, 2010, the Commission received a Petition to Intervene from South Dakota Telecommunications Association (SDTA) and Golden West Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc. (Golden West).

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

At its October 12, 2010, meeting, the Commission found that the Petitions to Intervene of SDTA and Golden West demonstrated good cause to grant intervention and voted unanimously to grant intervention to SDTA and Golden West. The Commission further directed Staff to work with the parties on a procedural schedule. It is therefore

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

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 29th day of October, 2010.

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: 
Date: <u>10/29/10</u>
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


DUSTIN M. JOHNSON, Chairman


STEVE KOLBECK, Commissioner


GARY HANSON, Commissioner