

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF )  
WIDE VOICE, L.L.C. FOR A CERTIFICATE OF )  
AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE LOCAL EXCHANGE )  
SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA )**

**ORDER GRANTING  
INTERVENTION**

**TC11-088**

On October 27, 2011, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an application from Wide Voice, L.L.C. (Wide Voice) for a certificate of authority to provide local exchange services and interexchange long distance services to both residential and business customers in South Dakota.

On November 3, 2011, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of November 18, 2011, to interested individuals and entities. On November 18, 2011, the Commission received a Petition to Intervene from AT&T Communications of the Midwest, Inc. (AT&T) and Sprint Communications Company, L.P. (Sprint). On November 18, 2011, Qwest Communications Company LLC dba CenturyLink (CenturyLink) filed CenturyLink's Objection to Wide Voice's Application for Certificate, Request for Investigation and Hearing, and Request for Intervention. On December 2, 2011, Wide Voice filed Wide Voice's Reply and Opposition to the Petitions for Intervention.

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 December 6, 2011, the Commission heard the arguments of the petitioners and Wide Voice. The Commission found that the Petitions to Intervene of AT&T, Sprint, and CenturyLink demonstrated good cause to grant intervention and voted unanimously to grant intervention to AT&T, Sprint, and CenturyLink. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Petitions to Intervene of AT&T, Sprint, and CenturyLink are hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2011.

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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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GARY HANSON, Chairman

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CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner

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KRISTIE RIEGEN, Commissioner