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20:10:32:03. Certificate of authority for local exchange service -- Application requirements. A telecommunications company required to apply for a certificate of authority for local exchange services from the commission shall submit a written application and provide the following information unless the commission grants a waiver to omit a specific item of information:

(1) The applicant's name, address, telephone number, facsimile number, E-mail address, and whether the applicant is a sole proprietorship, partnership, corporation, limited liability corporation, or limited liability partnership;

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(2) If a sole proprietorship, the full name and business address of its owner; if a partnership, the full name and business address of each partner; if a corporation, a listing of the full name and business address of each corporate officer and director; if a limited liability corporation, the full name and business address of each member; or, if a limited liability partnership, the full name and business address of each partner;

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(3) The name under which applicant will provide local exchange services if different than in subdivision (1) of this section;

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(4) If a corporation:

N/A

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(a) The location of its principal office, if any, in this state and the name and address of its current registered agent;

CT Corporation System 319 South Coteau Street Pierre, SD 59501

(b) A list of shareholders owning twenty percent or more of the interest in the business;

There are no shareholders. We are a General Partnership and the names are the same as # 2.

(c) The state in which the applicant is incorporated, the date of incorporation, and a copy of its certificate of incorporation; and

Florida - See Attachment A

(d) If it is an out-of-state corporation, a copy of its certificate of authority to transact business in South Dakota from the secretary of state;

See Attachment B

(5) A description of the applicant's experience providing any telecommunications services in South Dakota or in other jurisdictions, including the types of services provided, and the dates and nature of state or federal authorization to provide the services;

Registered to provide services in Montana and Wyoming:

Wyoming PSC Registration: May 14, 2003

Montana PSC Registration: December 10,2002

(6) Names and addresses of applicant's affiliates, subsidiaries, and parent organizations, if any;

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(7) A list and specific description of the types of services the applicant seeks to offer and the means by which the services will be provided including:

We are going to resell Qwest Communications and we are going to offer local dial-up and long distance to both residence and business. We intend to resell cellular and DSL service. but have not yet entered into contracts.

(a) Information indicating the classes of customers the applicant intends to serve;

Both residence and business

(b) Information indicating the extent to and time-frame by which applicant will provide service through the use of its own facilities, the purchase of unbundled network elements, or resale; We should be offering service within six (6) months as a reseller of Qwest and long distance, cellular and DSL providers.

(c) A description of all facilities that the applicant will utilize to furnish the proposed local exchange services, including any facilities of underlying carriers; and

We will be using all of Qwest's facilities as we are a reseller. We are presently negotiating with Global Crossing as our primary long distance provider. We do not plan to be fully or partially facilities based.

(d) Information identifying the types of services it seeks authority to provide by reference to the general nature of the service;

Local, Long Distance, Cellular and DSL.

(8) A service area map or narrative description indicating with particularity the geographic area proposed to be served by the applicant;

We intend to service all the areas where Qwest provides service their service See Attachment C

(9) Information regarding the technical competence of the applicant to provide its proposed local exchange services including:

Our technical director is a tenured professor of computer/telecom technology with 10 years experience operating and designing the information functions of a major university.

(a) A description of the education and experience of the applicant's management personnel who will oversee the proposed local exchange services; and

Nicholas Cuneo, Jr., B.A.: President of a major division of Wall Street Firm. James Bramble, General Counsel, JD, LLM, LLD: 40 years experience in law.

(b) Information regarding policies, personnel, or arrangements made by the applicant which demonstrates the applicant's ability to respond to customer complaints and inquiries promptly and to perform facility and equipment maintenance necessary to ensure compliance with any commission quality of service requirements;

Customer service personnel are presently in training and will have full information and authority to satisfy customer complaints and problems. Service and repair will be provided by our local contractor, already under contract.

(10) Information explaining how the applicant will provide customers with access to emergency services such as 911 or enhanced 911, operator services, inter-exchange services, directory assistance, and telecommunications relay services;

All of this will be handled by Qwest as this will all be in our contract with them. 24 hour customer service will be provided by us. Emergency calls will be handled by Qwest and transmissions quality same as Qwest.

# (11) Financial information including:

(a) For the most recent 12 month period, financial statements of the applicant consisting of balance sheets, income statements, and cash flow statements; and

A minimum of one million dollars will be committed prior to our start up of operations. We will be sure to provide evidence prior to that time.

(b) If a public corporation, the applicant's latest annual report and report to stockholders; N/A

- (12) Information detailing the following matters associated with interconnection to provide proposed local exchange services:
- (a) The identity of all local exchange carriers with which the applicant plans to interconnect;

With Qwest, and all LEC's offering local dial up service to their customers

(b) The likely timing of initiation of interconnection service and a statement as to when negotiations for interconnection started or when negotiations are likely to start; and

We will begin negotiations at least two (2) months prior to initiation of service with rural carriers. Our negotiations with Qwest are about to be finalized and that contract will be extended to the other states that we will be servicing.

(c) A copy of any request for interconnection made by the applicant to any local exchange carrier;

None

(13) A tariff or price list indicating the prices, terms, and conditions of each contemplated local service offering;

See Attachment D

(14) Cost support for rates shown in the company's tariff or price list for rate or price regulated noncompetitive or emerging competitive services;

Not applicable at this time

(15) A description of how the applicant intends to market its local exchange services, its target market, whether the applicant engages in multilevel marketing, and copies of any company brochures that will be used to assist in sale of the services;

We will be doing outbound and inbound Telemarketing, newspaper advertising, radio & TV ads.

(16) If the applicant is seeking authority to provide local exchange service in the service area of a rural telephone company, the date by which the applicant expects to meet the service obligations imposed pursuant to § 20:10:32:15 and applicant's plans for meeting the service obligations;

We intend to negotiate interconnect agreements only at this time. If a decision is made at a later time to provide such service, we will comply with all the requirements of the law.

(17) A list of the states in which the applicant is registered or certified to provide telecommunications services, whether the applicant has ever been denied registration or certification in any state and the reasons for any such denial, a statement as to whether or not the applicant is in good standing with the appropriate regulatory agency in the states where it is registered or certified, and a detailed explanation of why the applicant is not in good standing in a given state, if applicable;

Montana, Wyoming and we are awaiting approval in Idaho and North Dakota. We are in good standing with the Secretary of State in the following States: Montana, Wyoming, Idaho, North Dakota, and South Dakota. See Attachment E

(18) The names, addresses, telephone numbers, E-mail addresses, and facsimile numbers of the applicant's representatives to whom all inquiries must be made regarding customer complaints and other regulatory matters;

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(19) Information concerning how the applicant plans to bill and collect charges from customers who subscribe to its proposed local exchange services;

We have contracted with a company called Dayton Data Processing, Inc. (DDP, Inc.). They will be handling all of our billing. And we are also under contract with a lockbox company called SunTrust Bank which will handle and process all of our incoming bills and make the proper distribution.

(20) Information concerning the applicant's policies relating to solicitation of new customers and a description of the efforts the applicant shall use to prevent the unauthorized switching of local service customers by the applicant, its employees, or agents;

We will be using a company called The Third Party Verification Company to handle all of our Third Party Verification to make sure that we are in compliance with all state and PUC Rules and Regulations.

(21) The number and nature of complaints filed against the applicant with any state or federal commission regarding the unauthorized switching of a customer's

telecommunications provider and the act of charging customers for services that have not been ordered;

None

(22) A written request for waiver of those rules believed to be inapplicable;

Not applicable

(23) Federal tax identification number; and

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(24) Other information requested by the commission needed to demonstrate that the applicant has sufficient technical, financial, and managerial capabilities to provide the local exchange services it intends to offer consistent with the requirements of this chapter and other applicable rules and laws.

Not applicable

The commission may require the production of an audited financial statement and additional information to supplement that contained in the application. A company shall notify the commission of any changes in subdivisions (1), (3), (13), and (18) and subsection (4)(a) of this section as they occur. However, a telecommunications company serving less than fifty thousand local exchange subscribers in this state is not required to file cost support information and its tariffs shall be filed for informational purposes only.

Not applicable

Source: 25 SDR 89, effective December 27, 1998; 26 SDR 110, effective March 7, 2000.

General Authority: SDCL 49-31-76.

Law Implemented: SDCL 49-31-3, 49-31-69, 49-31-76.

Attachment "A"



May 16, 2003

SOUTH DAKOTA BIG SKY TELECOM 310 NE 1ST AVENUE HALLANDALE, FL 33009

The Partnership Registration Statement for SOUTH DAKOTA BIG SKY TELECOM, a Florida partnership, was filed on May 15, 2003. The document number to this filing is GP0300000985.

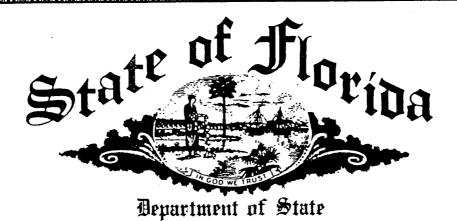
Enclosed is the certification you requested.

Please be aware if the partnership address changes, it is the responsibility of the partnership to notify this office.

Should you have any questions regarding partnerships, please contact this office at the address given below.

Sincerely, Lee Rivers Document Specialist Partnership Section Division of Corporations

Letter Number: 303A00030523



I certify the attached is a true and correct copy of the Partnership Registration Statement of SOUTH DAKOTA BIG SKY TELECOM, a Florida partnership, filed on May 15, 2003, as shown by the records of this office.

The document number issued to this filing is GP0300000985.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Florida at Tallahassee, the Capital, this the Sixteenth day of May, 2003



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State Capitol, Ste 204 500 East Capitol Avenue Pierre, South Dakota 57501-5070 sdsos@state.sd.us



Chris Nelson Secretary of State

To:

BIG SKY, TELECOM 310 NE 1ST AVE

HALLANDALE FL 33009

From: Secretary of State Chris Nelson

Corporations Division

Date: May 14, 2003

Re:

SOUTH DAKOTA BIG SKY TELECOM, A PARTNERSHIP

Document Filings

The documents submitted on behalf of SOUTH DAKOTA BIG SKY TELECOM, A PARTNERSHIP have been received and filed.

The partnership is canceled by operation of law five years after the date on which the statement, or the most recent amendment, was filed with the Secretary of State.

Enclosed is the acknowledgement with a receipt for the fee of \$90.

Thank you.

Attachment "C" The State of Qwest: South Dakota Rate Centers ABERDEEN
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# SOUTH DAKOTA BIG SKY TELECOM

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South Dakota Big Sky Telecom a Partnership (herein South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (South Dakota Public Utilities Commission)	akota PUC) for authorization to provide				
This price list sets forth the service offerings, rates, terms and conditions applicable to the furnishing of local exchange services to residential and small business customers within the all areas claimed by Qwest Corporation and all unclaimed areas throughout the state of South Dakota. The rates and rules contained herein are subject to change pursuant to the rules and regulations of the South Dakota PUC.					
EXPLANATION OF SYMBOLS, REFERENCE MARKS, AND ABBREVIATIONS OF TECHNICAL TERMS USED IN THIS PRICE LIST					
The following symbols shall be used as set out below to describe specific changes made to the original price list.					
C Indicates a changed listing, rule, or condition, which may affect rates or charges					
D Indicates discontinued material, including a listing, rate, rule or condition					
I Indicates an increase  M Indicates that the material has been relocated to another part of price list schedules with no change in text, rate, rule or					
condition  N Indicates new material including listing, rate, rule or condition					
R Indicates a reduction S Indicates reissued matter T Indicates a change in wording of text, but not a change in rate, rule or condition.					
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Customer Contact -					
For establishment of service, complaints and reporting or inquiring about network outage		——————————————————————————————————————			
Customer Service: (866) 624-4759					
Maintenance: (954) 624-8660					
Commission Contact -					
For complaints, inquiries and matters conce					
Matters concerning customer service: Carmine Russo	James Bramble	g tariffs and regulatory affairs			
Phone: (954) 624-8660 Fax: (954) 454-4967	General Counsel Phone: (954) 624-	8660			
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# 1.0 DEFINITIONS (Cont'd)

<u>Central Office</u>: Company facilities where subscriber lines are connected to each other through switching equipment for placing local and long distance telephone calls.

Company or Name of Company: South Dakota Big Sky Telecom a Partnership

<u>Customer or Subscriber</u>: The person, firm or corporation that orders service and is responsible for the payment of charges for that service and for compliance with the Company's regulations related to that service.

<u>Nonlisted Service</u>: A directory listing service wherein a Customer is not listed in the published directory, but is listed in the directory assistance database.

<u>Nonpublished Service</u>: A directory listing service wherein a Customer is not listed in the published directory or in the directory assistance database.

<u>Recurring Charges</u>: The charges to a Customer for services, facilities and equipment, which recur monthly for the agreed upon duration of the service.

<u>Residential Service:</u> Telephone Service provided to customers when the actual or obvious use is for domestic purposes.

Service Commencement Date: The first day following the date on which the Company notifies the Customer that the requested service or facility is available for use, unless the Customer refuses to accept service because it does not conform to the standards set forth in the Service Order or in this price list, in which case the Service Commencement Date is the date on which the Customer accepts service. The Company and the Customer may agree on a substitute Service Commencement Date.

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2.0 <u>REGULATIONS</u>					
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2.1.1.3 The services offered herein may be used for any lawful purpose. There are no restrictions on sharing or resale of the Company's services. However, the Customer remains liable for all obligations under this price list even if such sharing or resa arrangements exist regardless of the Company's knowledge of these arrangements. If service is jointly ordered by more than one Customer, each is jointly and severally liable for all obligations.					
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- 2.1.1.4 The services the Company offers shall not be used for any unlawful purposes or for any use for which the Customer has not obtained all required governmental approvals, authorizations, licenses, consents and permits.
- 2.1.1.5 Company services may be connected to the services or facilities of other communication carriers only when authorized by and in accordance with the terms and conditions of any price lists of such other communication carriers.
- 2.1.1.6 The services of the Company are furnished for the transmission of voice communications but may also be used for data, facsimile, signaling, metering, or other similar communications, subject to the transmission capabilities of the technologies or combination of technologies available. Service is available twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week.

# 2.2 Shortage of Equipment or Facilities

The furnishing of service under this price list is subject to the availability on a continuing basis of all facilities necessary to provide the service. Services will be provided using facilities provided on a resale basis on a interconnect agreement with Qwest.

#### 2.3 Selection of Transmission

The Company selects and/or arranges for the channels and/or service components and underlying network facilities used to provide service. The Company may modify or change the channels, service components and underlying Company facilities or the underlying carrier at any time subject to Part 68 of the FCC's Rules and Regulations and this price list.

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2.4 Notification of Service-Affecting Activities	
The Company will provide the Customer with service-affecting activities that may occur duribusiness. Such activities may include, but are a facilities additions, removals or rearrangement maintenance. Generally, such activities are not Customer but affect many Customers' services notification period is applicable to all service-a Company will work cooperatively with the Cunotification requirements. Notification to the Cwith some emergency or unplanned service-affoutage resulting from cable damage.	and routine preventive specific to an individual.  No specific advance affecting activities. The stomer to determine reasonable sustomer may not be possible
2.5 Provision of Equipment and Facilities	
2.5.1 The Company shall make a reasonable e Customer on or before a particular date, compliance by the Customer with the reglist.	subject to the provisions of and
2.5.2 The Company shall make a reasonable efurnishes to the Customer. The Customer shall not permit others to, rearrange, dis repair or otherwise interfere with any of Company, except upon the written cons	er shall not, and the Customer connect, remove, attempts to the facilities installed by the
2.6 Terms and Conditions	
2.6.1 Service is provided on a minimum term to 24-hours per day for each day of the more list, a month is considered to have thirty set forth in this price list shall be based of otherwise specified herein.	nth. For purposes of this price days. All calculations of dates
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- (e) on an expedited basis;
- (f) on a temporary basis until permanent facilities are available;
- (g) involving abnormal costs; or
- (h) in advance of normal construction.

Special construction will be undertaken at the discretion of the Company consistent with budgetary responsibilities and consideration for the effect on Company's other Customers and contractual responsibilities.

2.7.3 If required by the Company, the Customer shall make an advance payment before services are furnished and such advance payment will be credited to the Customer's initial bill. The Company may require such an advance payment, when additional costs are incurred to perform special or extraordinary construction to provide services required by the customer.

# 2.8 Ownership of Facilities

Title to all facilities and equipment, and related plans and proposals, provided by the Company in furnishing service remains with the Company, its agents or contractors. Such facilities and equipment, plans and proposals shall be returned to the Company by the Customer whenever requested, within a reasonable period following the request and in as good condition as reasonable wear will permit.

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# 2.9 Rights-of-Way

Provisioning of the Company's services is subject to and contingent upon the Company's ability to obtain and maintain rights-of-way and access to public and private property necessary for installation of the facilities used to provide the Company's services to the Customer's service point as agreed to by the Company.

# 2.10 Liability

# 2.10.1 Exculpatory Clause

THE INCLUDED EXCULPATORY LANGUAGE DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A DETERMINATION BY THE COMMISSION THAT A LIMITATION OF LIABILITY IMPOSED BY THE COMPANY SHOULD BE UPHELD IN A COURT OF LAW. ACCEPTANCE FOR FILING BY THE COMMISSION RECOGNIZES THAT IT IS A COURT'S RESPONSIBILITY TO ADJUDICATE NEGLIGENCE AND CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGE CLAIMS. IT IS ALSO THE COURT'S RESPONSIBILITY TO DETERMINE THE VALIDITY OF THE EXCULPATORY CLAUSE.

# 2.10.2 <u>Liability of the Company</u>

2.10.3 The use of the Company's services without payment for service or attempting to avoid payment for service by fraudulent means or devices, schemes, false or invalid numbers, or false calling or credit cards is prohibited.

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# 2.10 Liability (Cont'd)

- 2.10.4 The Company's services are available for use 24 hours per day, seven days per week.
- 2.10.05 The Company does not transmit messages, but the services may be used for that purpose.
- 2.10.6 The Company's services may be denied for nonpayment of charges or for other tariff violations as set forth in Section 2.10 herein.
- 2.10.7 Customers shall not use the service provided under this tariff for any unlawful purpose.
- 2.10.8 The Customer is responsible for notifying the Company immediately of any unauthorized use
- 2.10.9 The Company shall not be liable for any claim, loss, expense or damage for any interruption, delay, error, omission, or defect in any service, facility or transmission provided under this tariff, if caused by Underlying Carrier, an act of God, fire, war, civil disturbance, act of government, or due to any other causes beyond the Company's control.
- 2.10.10 The Company shall not be liable for, and shall be fully indemnified and held harmless by the Customer against any claim, loss, expense, or damage for defamation, libel, slander, invasion, infringement of copyright or patent, unauthorized use of any trademark, trade name or service mark, proprietary or creative right, or any other injury to any person, property or entity arising out of the material, data or information transmitted.

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# 2.10 Liability (Cont'd)

- 2.10.11 No agent or employee of any other carrier or entity shall be deemed to be an agent or employee of the Company.
- 2.10.12 The Company's liability for damages, resulting in whole or in part from or arising in connection with the furnishing of service under this tariff, including but not limited to mistakes, omissions, interruptions, delays, errors, or other defects or misrepresentations shall not exceed an amount equal to the long distance call for the period during which the call was affected. No other liability in any event shall attach to the Company.
- 2.10.13 The Company, shall not be liable for and shall be indemnified and saved harmless by any Customer or by any other entity from any and all loss, claims, demands, suits, or other action or any liability whatsoever, whether suffered, made, instituted, or asserted by any Customer or any other entity for any personal injury to, or death o of, any person or persons, and for any loss, damage, defacement or destruction of the premises of any Customer or any other entity or any other property whether owned or controlled by the Customer or others.
- 2.10.14 The Company shall not be liable for any indirect, special, incidental damages under this tariff including, but not limited to, loss of revenue or profits, for any reason whatsoever, including the breakdown of facilities associated with the service, or for any mistakes, omissions, delays, errors, or defects in transmission occurring during the course of furnishing service.

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# 2.10 Liability cont'd

2.10.15 The remedies set forth herein are exclusive and in lieu of all other warranties and remedies, whether express, implied, or statutory, INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION IMPLIED WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY AND FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE.

# 2.11 Indemnification

Reserved for future use

# 2.12 Conflicts Between Price List and Commission Rules

If this Price List contains provisions that deny or restrict a Customer's rights otherwise protected by Commission rules, Commission rules supersede any conflicting tariff or price list provisions that deny or restrict any of those rights, unless otherwise ordered by the Commission, court order, or statute.

# 2.13 Allowances for Interruptions in Service

A credit allowance will be given for interruptions of service, subject to the provisions of this section.

# 2.13.1 Credit for Service Interruptions

A credit allowance will be made when an interruption in service occurs. An interruption in service is considered to exist when the local service quality deteriorates to such an extent that the customer cannot make local calls or cannot receive local calls or cannot use the service for voice grade communications because of cross talk, static or other transmission problem.

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<u>-</u>	on period begins when the Cality to be interrupted and re	-
2.13.1.1	hours after the report of the	re service: within sixteen (16) ne outage if the customer apany that the service outage
2.13.1.2	within 24 hours after the emergency exists.	report of the outage if no
2.13.1.3	p.m. on the following Sur	n noon on Saturday and 6:00 inday must be restored within by 6:00 p.m. on the following oner.
	required by this paragraph customer's account for an	restore service within the times in, the Company will credit the a amount equal to the monthly basic local exchange service.
2.13.2 <u>Limitations on Allo</u>	wances	
No credit allowance	e will be made for:	
2.13.2.1	noncompliance with, or a	egligence of the Customer, or cts of omission regarding the st by the Customer, authorized

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	complying wi	th tariff reg	ulations. The Cus	necessary orders and stomer is also responsible for led under this tariff.
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2.14 <u>O</u>		s of the Customer (Cont'd)	
	2.14.3	If required for the provision of the Co must provide any equipment space, su set forth in this tariff, and that the sign injure electrical power without charge	apporting structure, conduit and nals do not damage equipment,
	2.14.4	The Customer is responsible for arrantimes mutually agreeable to the Comprequired for Company personnel to in inspect or remove equipment associat Company's services.	pany and the Customer when stall, repair, maintain, program,
	2.14.5	The Customer shall cause the temperate equipment space provided by Custom Company's equipment to be maintain provided for the operation of microco	er for the installation of the ed within the range normally
	2.14.6	The Customer shall ensure that the equipment properly interfaced with the Company Company's facilities or services, that Company's network are of proper molevel for the intended use of the subsecriteria personnel, or degrade service Federal Communications Commission certifying body certifies terminal equipment acceptable for direct electrical connections communications service, the Companible connected with its channels without devices. If the Customer fails to main system properly, with resulting imminequipment, personnel or the quality of	the signals emitted into the de, bandwidth, power and signal criber and in compliance with to other Customers. If the nor some other appropriate ipment as being technically ction with interstate y will permit such equipment to at the use of protective interface tain the equipment and/or the nent harm to Company
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2.14	Obligation	ons of the Customer (cont'd)			
	2.14.7	The Customer may pay the Company damage to the equipment or facilities or willful act of the Customer or othe services, or by use of equipment prov	s of the Company by negligence ers, by improper use of the		
	2.14.8	The Customer must pay for the loss to equipment installed at Customer's pr			
	2.14.9 If the Company installs equipment at Customer's premises, the Customer shall be responsible for payment of any applicable installation charge.				
	2.14.10	The Customer must use the services consistent with the terms of this tari regulations of all State, federal and jurisdiction over the service.	ff and the policies and		
	2.14.11	The Customer shall provide at no che Company, any personnel, equipment conditioning needed to operate, an environment for the Company's fact the Customer's premises.	t, space, power, heating and air d maintain a proper operating		
	2.14.12	Upon suitable notification to the Cuthe Company may make such tests a necessary to determine that the Cust requirements set forth herein for the maintenance of Customer-provided in the connection of Customer- provided Company-owned facilities and equire	and inspections as may be tomer is complying with the installation, operation, and facilities, equipment, and wiring yided facilities and equipment to		
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# 2.14 Obligations of the Customer (cont'd)

2.14.13 If the protective requirements for Customer-provided equipment are not being complied with, the Company may take such action, as it deems necessary to protect its facilities, equipment, and personnel. The Company will notify the Customer promptly if there is any need for further corrective action. Within ten days of receiving this notice, the Customer must take this corrective action and notify the Company of the action taken. If the Customer fails to do this, the Company may take whatever additional action is deemed necessary, including the suspension of service, to protect its facilities, equipment and personnel from harm.

#### 2.15 Prohibited Uses

The Customer shall not use or allow the use of the Company's facilities or equipment installed at the Customer's premises for any purpose other than that for which the Company provides it, without the prior written consent of the Company.

# 2.15.1 Abuse

The abuse of Company Services is prohibited. Abuse includes, but is not limited to, the following activities:

- (a) Using service to make calls that might reasonably be expected to frighten, torment, or harass another.
- (b) Using service in such a way that it interferes unreasonably with the use of Company services by others.

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# 2.15.2 Fraudulent Use

The fraudulent use or the intended or attempted fraudulent use of service is prohibited and can result in the discontinuance of services as set out by this price list. Fraudulent use consists of using or attempting to use service with the intent to avoid the payment, either in whole or in part, of the price listed charges for the service including but not limited to:

- (a) rearranging, tampering with, or making connections not authorized by this price list to any network components used to furnish service; or
- (b) using fraudulent means or devices, tricks, schemes, false or invalid numbers, false credit devices, or electronic devices.

#### 2.16 Payments

- 2.16.1.1 The Customer shall pay outstanding charges with in 15 days of the invoice date. Charges normally will be invoiced in arrears, with monthly recurring charges invoiced on or about the first of the month for which the charges apply. Amounts not paid within 15 after the date of the invoice are considered delinquent.
- 2.16.1.2 The Customer shall pay all charges for use of the service by any persons whether or not authorized by the Customer, except in those instances where it has been determined that the Customer's present and former employees, agents and

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authorized users were not responsible for calls billed to the Customer via third party billing and the Company did not verify that the charges for the call would be accepted. The Customer is not responsible for unauthorized use of service to the extent such use is proximately caused by the Company's willful or negligent act.

# 2.16.2 Disputed Bills

- 2.16.2.1 Any Customer who disputes a portion of a bill rendered for Company services shall pay the undisputed portion of the bill and notify the Company that such unpaid amount is in dispute within thirty (30) days of receipt of the bill. If such notice is not received by the Company within thirty (30) days as indicated above, the Company shall consider the bill statement to be due and payable in full by the Customer. Payment of the amount due by the Customer does not constitute a waiver of the Customer's rights under the provisions of IDAPA 31.41.01.204 to challenge any billing amount due or paid to the Company.
- 2.16.2.2 In the event a Customer and the Company cannot resolve a billing dispute to their mutual satisfaction, the Customer may contact the South Dakota PUC and proceed in accordance with the South Dakota PUC's Rules. The address and telephone numbers for the South Dakota PUC

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	Sor	ath Dakota Public Utilities Comn	nission
		500 East Capitol Avenue Capitol Building, 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor	
		Pierre, South Dakota 57501-50	70
		(605) 773-3201	
2.16.3	Payment A	<u>Arrangements</u>	
	2.16.3.1	When a Customer cannot pay a	bill in full, the Company
	2.10.011	may continue to serve the Custo	*
		the Company agree on reasonab	
		outstanding bill to be paid imme	
		which the balance of the outstar	ding bill will be paid.
	2.16.3.2	In deciding on the reasonablene	ss of a particular agreement, the
		Company will take into account	,
		the size of the unpaid balance, t	* * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *
		and length of service, and the arthe debt is outstanding.	nount of time and reasons why
		the debt is outstanding.	
	2.16.3.3	Payments are to be applied to the	
		the Customer. A Customer may	1
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		applicable, and in the absence of Customer, a partial payment sha	
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#### 2.16.3 Payment Arrangements (cont'd)

- 2.16.3.4 If a Customer fails to make the payment agreed upon by the date that it is due, the Company may, but is not obligated to, enter into a second payment arrangement.
- 2.16.3.5 A Customer's failure to pay for undisputed MTS charges billed by the Company may result in loss of 0+, 0- and 1+ dialing access to MTS services until such time as the customer pays the undisputed charges and applicable reconnection charges, if any.
- 2.16.3.6 Customer failure to pay undisputed charges for other services may result in discontinuance of those services.

#### 2.17 Taxes, Charges, Fees

In addition to the rates and charges described in this price list, the Customer may be responsible for payment of taxes, charges or fees ordered by the South Dakota PUC, the South Dakota State Legislature, or local and county governments. When the Company is authorized to collect such taxes, charges or fees from the Customer, these taxes, charges and fees will be itemized separately on the Customer's bill.

#### 2.18 <u>Deposits</u>

- 2.18.1 The Company will not require advance deposits.
- 2.18.2 If the Company can prove that the Customer is likely to be a credit risk or to damage property of the Company, the Company may refuse services.

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	If the Company intends to deny an available service to an applicant, the Company will provide the applicant with a written explanation of its refusal to serve. The written explanation shall include:				
	a) the reasons for denial of the service;				
	<ul> <li>b) actions the applicant may take in order to receive the denied service; and</li> </ul>				
	c) a statement that the Customer may file an informal or formal complaint concerning denial of the service with the Company or with the South Dakota PUC.				
	2.19.1 Grounds for F	Refusal to E	stablish Service		
	The Company conditions ex	-	e to establish se	rvice if any of the following	
	2.19.1.1 the applicant has an outstanding amount due to the Company for similar utility services and the applicant is unwilling to make acceptable arrangements with the Company for payment;				
	2.19.1.2	unsafe or	hazardous to the	the Company's judgment, is e applicant, the general ny's personnel, agents or	
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#### 2.19 Refusal or Termination of Services (cont'd)

- 2.19.1.3 the applicant is known to be in violation of the Company's price lists filed with the Commission;
- 2.19.1.4 the applicant fails to furnish such funds, suitable facilities, and/or rights-of-way which have been specified by the Company as necessary to and a condition for providing service to the applicant; or
- 2.19.1.5 the applicant has falsified his/her identity for the purpose of obtaining service.

#### 2.19.2 Grounds for Termination with Written Prior Notice

Except as otherwise specified in this price list or South Dakota PUC rules, the Company may, upon reasonable written notice to the Customer, discontinue services for any of the following reasons:

- 2.19.2.1 for nonpayment of any undisputed amounts owing to the Company;
- 2.19.2.2 for services provided to premises that have been vacated by the Customer;
- 2.19.2.3 for tampering with the Company's property;
- 2.19.2.4 for violation of rules, service agreements, or filed price lists;

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			ng the Customer's identity, thiness, or current or planned ammunications:
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		rearranging, tamp	ering with, or making
		connection to the authorized by this	Company's service where not price list;
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		(d) any other frau	dulent means or device.
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#### 2.0 REGULATIONS (Cont'd)

#### 2.19.3 Without Written Notice to the Customer

The Company may deny or discontinue the furnishing of any and/or all service(s) to a Customer immediately and without prior notice to the Customer and without the Customer's permission for one or more of the following reasons:

- 2.19.3.1 Dangerous Condition. A condition immediately dangerous or hazardous to the life, physical safety, or property exists, or it is necessary to prevent a violation of federal, state or local safety or health codes.
- 2.19.3.2 Ordered to Terminate Service. The Company is ordered to terminate service by any court, the South Dakota PUC, or any other duly authorized public authority.
- 2.19.3.3 Services Obtained Illegally. The services(s) was (were) obtained, diverted or used without the authorization or knowledge of the Company.
- 2.19.3.4 Customer Unable to be Contacted. The Company has tried diligently to provide reasonable notice to the Customer, but has been unsuccessful in its attempt to contact the Customer.
- 2.19.3.5 Misrepresentation of Identity. The Customer has misrepresented the Customer's identity for purposes of obtaining telephone service and either does not have nor has an inadequate security deposit on file with the Company.

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#### 2.19.3 Without Written Notice to the Customer (Cont'd)

2.19.3.6 for any governmental prohibition, or required alteration of the services provided, or any violation of any applicable law or regulation, or unlawful use of service or use of service for unlawful purposes, the Company may immediately discontinue or suspend service.

#### 2.19.4 Notice of Disconnection

#### 2.19.4.1 Seven-Day Notice

Except as otherwise provided under the provisions of IDAPA 31.41.01.303.04 and 31.41.01.305, the Company will mail to the Customer written notice of termination at least seven (7) calendar days before the proposed date of termination. The written notice will contain the information required by IDAPA 31.41.01.306.

#### 2.19.4.2 <u>Twenty-Four-Hour Notice</u>

At least twenty-four (24) hours before actual termination, the Company will diligently attempt to contact the Customer affected to apprise the Customer of the proposed action and the steps to tale to avoid or delay termination. Oral Notice will contain the same information as required by IDAPA 31.41.01.306.

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#### 2.19.4 Notice of Disconnection (Cont'd)

#### 2.19.4.3 Additional Notice

If the Company does not terminate service within seven (7) days after a proposed termination date, and the matter is not the subject of a pending complaint before the South Dakota PUC, or if other arrangements have not been made with the Customer, the Company will again make a diligent effort to contact the Customer to advise the Customer of the proposed action. If the Company has not terminated service within twenty-eight (28) days of mailing a written notice of termination, but still intends to terminate, the Company will again issue a written notice as set out by subsection 2.19.4.1 of this price list, related to Seven-Day Notice.

#### 2.19.5 <u>Customer Cancellation of Service</u>

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If the Customer cancels a service order or terminates service before the completion of the term of service specified in the service order for any reason, the Customer agrees to pay to the Company all costs, fees, and expenses reasonably incurred in connection with special construction and with the term of service. In addition, the Customer may be liable for termination charges up to a maximum amount equal to the total charges applicable for the remaining term specified in the service order.

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#### 2.0 REGULATIONS (Cont'd)

#### 2.20 Restoration of Service

- 2.20.1 A reconnection charge shall be imposed on any Customer whose service has been discontinued pursuant to the provisions of Section 2.19 of this price list. The Company reserves the right to refuse to restore service until all amounts due have been paid.
- 2.20.2 Should the Customer request that service be restored during a period other than regular working hours, such as evenings or weekends, the Customer may be required to pay an after-hour charge for service reconnection.

#### 2.21 Assignment

The Company may, without obtaining any further consent from the Customer, assign any of its rights, privileges or obligations under this price list to any subsidiary, parent, or affiliate of the Company; pursuant to any sale or transfer of substantially all the business of the Company; or pursuant to any financing, merger or reorganization of the Company. The Customer may, upon prior written consent of the Company, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld, assign its rights, privileges or obligations under this price list to any subsidiary, parent, or affiliate of the Customer; pursuant to any sale or transfer of substantially all the business of the Customer; or pursuant to any financing, merger or reorganization of the Customer.

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#### 2.0 REGULATIONS (Cont'd)

#### 2.22 Promotions

The Company may provide promotional offerings from time to time. The Company will notify the South Dakota PUC ten (10) days in advance of the rates, terms & conditions of any such promotions.

#### 2.23 E911

The Company will provide necessary Customer information to the incumbent local exchange carrier for appropriate routing of E911 calls. The Company's switches will be equipped with E911 trunks and all E911 traffic will be switched by the Company to the incumbent local exchange carrier for routing.

#### 2.24 Public Notice

The Company shall give public notice of all proposed changes in rates. Public notice must be reasonably designed to call the attention of Customers who are affected by the changes to the proposed changes in rates. Legal advertisements alone will not be considered adequate public notice. Individual notice to all Customers affected will always constitute public notice

#### 3.0 LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICES

#### 3.1 General

Local Exchange Services provides the Customer with connection to the public switched telecommunications network. In addition, Local Exchange Service provides the Customer with a unique telephone number address on the public switched telecommunications network. Each Local Exchange Service enables the Customer to:

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#### 3.0 LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICES

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- (a) receive calls from other stations on the public switched telecommunications network;
- (b) access other services offered by the Company as set forth in this price list;
- (c) access certain interstate and international-calling services provided by the Company;
- (d) access the Company's operators and business offices for service related assistance;
- (e) access emergency services by dialing 0- or 9-1-1; and
- (f) access services provided by other common carriers which purchase the Company's Switched Access Services as provided under the Company's Federal and State price lists or price list, or which maintain other types of traffic exchange arrangements with the Company.

#### 3.2 Service Descriptions

#### 3.2.1 Residential Service

All residential services as may be provided for in the interconnect agreement between Qwest Corporation and Company and subject to such availability terms and conditions contained therein.

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#### 3.2 Service Descriptions (cont'd)

#### 3.2.2 Business Service

All business services as may be provided for in the interconnect agreement between Qwest Corporation and Company and subject to such availability, terms and conditions contained therein

#### 3.2.3 <u>Lines and Trunks</u>

All business services as may be provided for in the interconnect agreement between Qwest Corporation and Company and subject to such availability, terms and conditions contained therein.

#### 3.2.4 Optional and Vertical Features

All business services as may be provided for in the interconnect agreement between Qwest Corporation and Company and subject to such availability, terms and conditions contained therein

#### 3.2.5 Other

All business services as may be provided for in the interconnect agreement between Qwest Corporation and Company and subject to such availability, terms and conditions contained therein

#### 3.2.6 Number Services

#### 3.2.6.1 Nonlisted Number Service Description

Nonlisted Service: A directory listing service wherein a Customer is not listed in the published directory, but is listed in the directory assistance database.

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	3.2.7.1	Installation C	harges	
		\$35.00 per ½	hour, to be billed	I
	3.2.7.2	Move and C	hange Charges	
		\$35.00 per ½	hour, to be bille	d
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4.1 <u>Residential Service</u> USOC 1 <sup>st</sup> Line 1FF Additional AKF	Non-Recurring Charge	Monthly Recurring Charge x.xx x.xx
4.2 <u>Business Service</u> USOC 1 <sup>st</sup> Line 1FF Additional AKF	Non-Recurring Charge x.xx x.xx	Monthly Recurring Charge x.xx x.xx
4.3 <u>Lines and Trunks</u> T-1 Line 1FF		Monthly Recurring Charge x.xx
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Hunting 1FI Caller ID Call Forwarding	Non-Recurring Charge  x.xx x.xx x.xx	Monthly Recurring Charge x.xx x.xx x.xx x.xx
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	Call Waiting	X.XX	X.XX			
	3 Way Calling	X.XX	X.XX			
	Call Return	X.XX	X.XX			
	Voice Mail	X.XX	X.XX			
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b.	Business	<u></u>				
		Non-Recurring Charge	Monthly Recurring Charge			
	Hunting 1FR	x.xx	x.xx			
	Caller ID	x.xx	x.xx			
	Call Forwarding	x.xx	x.xx			
	Call Waiting	x.xx	x.xx			
	3 Way Calling	X.XX	x.xx			
	Call Return	X.XX	X.XX			
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May 14, 2003

STEPHEN G. OXLEY SECRETARY AND CHIEF COUNSEL DAVID M. MOSIER DEPUTY DIRECTOR

Carmine Russo Wyoming Big Sky Telecom 310 NE 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue Hallandale, FL 33009

Re:

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF WYOMING BIG SKY TELECOM FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO PROVIDE LOCAL EXCHANGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN WYOMING - DOCKET NO. 70102-TA-03-1 (RECORD NO. 8246)

Dear Mr. Russo:

Enclosed is a copy of the Commission's Notice and Order, Public Notice, and Public Service Announcement (PSA), in the above-entitled matter.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact the undersigned at (307) 777-5763.

Very truly yours,

**Assistant Secretary** 

Enclosure....

# Montana Public Service Commission Display Form of a Specific Telecommunications Provider

Company name: Big Sky Telecom, a Partnership

Doing Business as: Big Sky Telecom

Address: 310 NE 1st Avenue

Additional address:

City: Hallandale State: FL Zip:33009 Country: USA

Phone: (954) 362-0361 Fax: (954) 362-0369

Toll-free customer service #:

Regulatory Contact Person

Name:

Nicholas Cuneo, Jr.

Address:

310 NE 1st Avenue

Additional address:

City:

Hallandale

State: FL Zip:33009 Country: USA

Phone:

(954) 362-0361

Fax:

(954) 362-0369

Email:

ncuneo@bigskytelecom.com

The company's description of its existing telecommunications operations and general service areas in any other jurisdictions.

None

Name of Parent Company: N/A

Principal address:

Additional address:

City:

State: Zip:

Phone:

The names, principal addresses and telephone numbers of any subsidiary and/or affiliate companies.

N/A

Type of telecommunications service this company intends to provide in Montana.

Local exchange service: Yes. On the basis of: Resale Long distance service: Yes. On the basis of: Resale

Commercial mobile radio services: Yes.

Other services: . Cellular

The towns or geographic areas in the state served by this company.

**Entire State** 

Markets served by this company.

Business and residential markets		
Description of the facilities and equipment As a reseller, we will use the facilities of	-	e service in Montana.
Does this company intend to draw from the No	e universal service fund or c	other explicit support funds?
Does this company intend to seek PSC des No	ignation as an eligible telec	ommunications carrier?
Has a court or state or federal regulatory as sanction within the last 5 years?	gency taken formal action a	gainst this company that resulted in penalty or
Description of the action(s) taken and the p N/A	penalties/sanctions imposed	.(if above response is Yes)
This company is incorporated. No		
Form of ownership(if not corporation): Go	eneral Partnership	
Date of creation of the business entity: 09	/01/02	
Principal owners' and managers' names and		
Nicholas Cuneo, Jr., 310 NE 1st Avenue Hallandale, FL 33009	, Hallandale, FL 33009 Ca	armine Russo, 310 NE 1st Avenue,
Name of the agent for service of process i	n Montana: Jason Loble	
Address:	100 N. Pärk Av	venue
Additional Address:	Suite 300	
City:	Helena	Zip:59601

E-mail\_vduncan@state.mt.us if you have any questions!

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#### **Big Sky Telecom**

⊂rom: Sent: Vicki Nelson [tcom@psclist.state.mt.us] Tuesday, December 10, 2002 6:13 PM

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Subject:

TCom Entry Accepted

Company name: Big Sky Telecom, a Partnership

Company Address: 310 NE 1st Avenue

Company Address 2:

Company City: Hallandale

Company State: FL

Company Zipcode: 33009

Company Phone: (954), 362-0361 Company Fax: (954) 362-0369 Contact Name: Nicholas Cuneo, Jr. Contact Phone: (954) 362-0361

Congratulations! Your registration as a provider of telecommunications service in Montana is confirmed and you may now provide service in the state. Your company is now included in the list of registered telecommunications

providers.

Be sure to update your registration if any of the information on your form should change. Because the Montana PSC will periodically post electronic messages to all companies on the list of registered providers, it is important that the e-mail address of your regulatory contact person is always correct.

Thank you.

# South Dakota Public Utilities Commission WEEKLY FILINGS

For the Period of August 14, 2003 through August 20, 2003

If you need a complete copy of a filing faxed, overnight expressed, or mailed to you, please contact Delaine Kolbo within five business days of this report. Phone: 605-773-3705

#### CONSUMER COMPLAINTS

CT03-130

In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Jack R. Leininger, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, against S&S Communications/Alterna-Cell Regarding Loss of Long Distance Services.

Complainant represents that he purchased a ten-year pre-paid long distance service planon August 18, 1998. Service was terminated without notice in June of 2003. Complainant seeks to be reimbursed for the prepaid service not provided.

Staff Analyst: Jim Mehlhaff Staff Attorney: Kelly Frazier Date Docketed: 08/14/03 Intervention deadline: N/A

CT03-131

In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Debbie and Rich Branaugh, Tyndall, South Dakota, against Fort Randall Telephone Company Regarding Charging Business Rates for Residential Line.

Complainants represent that the respondent is charging them the business rate for phone service on their residential line. Complainants seek to have the rate charged on their residential line restored to the residential rate and to be reimbursed for the difference they have paid, plus the costs incurred in bringing this complaint forward.

Staff Analyst: Jim Mehlhaff Staff Attorney: Kelly Frazier Date Docketed: 08/15/03 Intervention deadline: N/A

CT03-132

In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Gregory S. Wilson on behalf of Variable Investment Advisors, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, against S&S Communications/Alterna-Cell Regarding Loss of Long Distance Services.

Complainant's representative states that it purchased a seven-year pre-paid long distance service plan on November 11, 1999. Service was terminated without notice in June of 2003. Complainant seeks to be reimbursed for the pre-paid service not provided, plus damages of \$500.00 per day for each day that they went without service as a result of the respondent's failure.

Staff Analyst: Jim Mehlhaff Staff Attorney: Kelly Frazier Date Docketed: 08/18/03 Intervention deadline: N/A

#### **TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

TC03-157

In the Matter of the Filing for Approval of a Reciprocal Transport and Termination Agreement between PrairieWave Telecommunications, Inc. and Midwest Wireless Communications, LLC,

On August 14, 2003, the Commission received a filing for approval of a Reciprocal Transport and Termination Agreement between PrairieWave Telecommunications, Inc. and Midwest Wireless Communications, LLC. According to the filing, the parties wish to put in place an arrangement for the mutual exchange and reciprocal compensation of local telecommunications traffic which is intended to supersede any previous arrangements between the parties relating to such traffic. 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 September 4, 2003. Parties to the agreement may file written responses to the comments no later than twenty days after the service of the initial comments.

Staff Attorney: Kelly Frazier Date Docketed: 08/14/03

Initial Comments Due: 09/04/03

## TC03-158 In the Matter of the Request of Western Wireless Corporation for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

On August 15, 2003, Western Wireless Corporation provided information constituting Western Wireless Corporation's plan for the use of its federal universal service support, excluding the support amounts received for the Pine Ridge Reservation, and to otherwise verify that Western Wireless Corporation will use all federal universal service support received in a manner that is consistent with the federal universal service provisions of 47 U.S.C. Section 254.

Staff Analyst: Harlan Best Staff Attorney: Karen E. Cremer Date Docketed: 08/15/03 Intervention Deadline: 09/05/03

## TC03-159 In the Matter of the Application of Telrite Corporation for a Certificate of Authority to Provide Interexchange Telecommunications Services in South Dakota.

Telrite Corporation is seeking a Certificate of Authority to provide interexchange telecommunications services in South Dakota. The Applicant will provide its interexchange services on a resale basis utilizing the underlying facilities of Qwest, and/or Global Crossing.

Staff Analyst: Keith Senger Staff Attorney: Kelly Frazier Date Docketed: 08/15/03 Intervention Deadline: 09/05/03

#### TC03-160

In the Matter of the Application of South Dakota Big Sky Telecom for a Certificate of Authority to Provide Local Exchange Services in South Dakota.

On August 15, 2003, South Dakota Big Sky Telecom filed an application for a Certificate of Authority to provide telecommunications services in South Dakota. South Dakota Big Sky Telecom intends to provide resold local dial-up and long distance to both residential and business customers throughout the areas where Qwest provides service in South Dakota.

Staff Analyst: Michele Farris Staff Attorney: Karen E. Cremer Date Docketed: 08/15/03 Intervention Deadline: 09/05/03

## TC03-161 In the Matter of the Request of Santel Communications Cooperative Inc. for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

On August 15, 2003, Santel Communications Cooperative Inc. (Santel) provided information constituting Santel's plan for the use of its federal universal service support and to otherwise verify that Santel will use all federal universal service support received in a manner that is consistent with the federal universal service provisions of 47 U.S.C. Section 254.

Staff Analyst: Harlan Best Staff Attorney: Karen E. Cremer Date Docketed: 08/15/03 Intervention Deadline: 09/05/03

## TC03-162 In the Matter of the Request of Valley Telephone Company for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

On August 15, 2003, Valley Telephone Company (Valley) provided information constituting Valley's plan for the use of its federal universal service support and to otherwise verify that Valley will use all federal universal service support received in a manner that is consistent with the federal universal service provisions of 47 U.S.C. Section 254.

Staff Analyst: Harlan Best Staff Attorney: Karen E. Cremer

Date Docketed: 08/15/03

Intervention Deadline: 09/05/03

## TC03-163 In the Matter of the Request of Mount Rushmore Telephone Company and Fort Randall Telephone Company for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

On August 15, 2003, Mount Rushmore Telephone Company and Fort Randall Telephone Company (Mount Rushmore/Fort Randall) provided information constituting Mount Rushmore/Fort Randall's plan for the use of its federal universal service support and to otherwise verify that Mount Rushmore/Fort Randall will use all federal universal service support received in a manner that is consistent with the federal universal service provisions of 47 U.S.C. Section 254.

Staff Analyst: Harlan Best Staff Attorney: Karen E. Cremer Date Docketed: 08/15/03 Intervention Deadline: 09/05/03

TC03-164 In the Matter of the Request of Alliance Communications Cooperative, Inc. and Splitrock Properties, Inc. for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

On August 18, 2003, Alliance Communications Cooperative, Inc., and its subsidiary Splitrock Properties, Inc. (Alliance/Splitrock) provided information constituting Alliance/Splitrock's plan for the use of its federal universal service support and to otherwise verify that Alliance/Splitrock will use all federal universal service support received in a manner that is consistent with the federal universal service provisions of 47 U.S.C. Section 254.

Staff Analyst: Harlan Best Staff Attorney: Karen E. Cremer Date Docketed: 08/18/03 Intervention Deadline: 09/05/03

TC03-165 In the Matter of the Filing for Approval of a Resale Agreement between Qwest Corporation and Alticomm, Inc.

On August 19, 2003, the Commission received a filing for approval of a Resale Agreement between Qwest Corporation (Qwest) and Alticomm, Inc. (Alticomm). According to the filing, the agreement sets forth the terms, conditions and pricing under which Qwest will offer and provide to Alticomm ancillary services and telecommunications services available for resale within the geographical areas in which both parties are providing local exchange service at that time, and for which Qwest is the incumbent local exchange carrier within the state of South Dakota for purposes of providing local telecommunications services. 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 September 8, 2003. Parties to the agreement may file written responses to the comments no later than twenty days after the service of the initial comments.

Staff Attorney: Kelly Frazier
Date Docketed: 08/19/03
Initial Comments Due: 09/08/03

TC03-166

In the Matter of the Filing for Approval of a Reciprocal Transport and Termination Agreement between Midcontinent Communications and Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless, CommNet Cellular License Holding, LLC, Missouri Valley Cellular Inc., Sanborn Cellular Inc. and Eastern South Dakota Cellular Inc.

On August 20, 2003, the Commission received a filing for approval of a Reciprocal Transport and Termination Agreement between Midcontinent Communications and Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless, CommNet Cellular License Holding, LLC, Missouri Valley Cellular Inc., Sanborn Cellular Inc. and Eastern South Dakota Cellular Inc. According to the filing, the parties wish to put in place an arrangement for the mutual exchange and reciprocal compensation of telecommunications traffic in accordance with the Act, and which is intended to supersede any previous arrangements between the parties relating to such traffic. 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 September 9, 2003. Parties to the agreement may file written responses to the comments no later than twenty days after the service of the initial comments.

Staff Attorney: Kelly Frazier
Date Docketed: 08/20/03
Initial Comments Due: 09/09/03

# OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF	)	ORDER DENYING
SOUTH DAKOTA BIG SKY TELECOM FOR A	)	CERTIFICATE OF
CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE	)	AUTHORITY
LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICES IN SOUTH	)	
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On August 15, 2003, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission), in accordance with SDCL 49-31-69 and ARSD 20:10:32:03, received an application for a certificate of authority from South Dakota Big Sky Telecom (SD Big Sky).

SD Big Sky proposes to provide local exchange services in South Dakota.

On August 21, 2003, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of September 5, 2003, to interested individuals and entities. At its regularly scheduled January 6, 2004, meeting, the Commission considered SD Big Sky's request for a certificate of authority. Commission Staff recommended denying the certificate of authority and closing the docket as SD Big Sky had failed to adequately provide information required by Staff.

The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Chapter 49-31, specifically 49-31-69 and ARSD 20:10:32:03. The Commission finds that SD Big Sky has not met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. SD Big Sky has not, in accordance with SDCL 49-31-69, demonstrated sufficient technical, financial and managerial capabilities to offer telecommunications services in South Dakota. Pursuant to ARSD 20:10:32:06 the Commission voted to deny SD Big Sky's application for a certificate of authority. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED, that SD Big Sky's application for a certificate of authority is hereby denied.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this \_16th day of January, 2004.

# 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 first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon. By: Date: (OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

ROBERT K. SAHR, Chairman

GÁRY HÁNSON, Commissioner

AMÉS A. BURG, Commissioner