

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

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In the Matter of the Petition of Faith Municipal  
Telephone Company for Suspension or  
Modification of 47 U.S.C. Section 251(b)(2) of  
the Communications Act of 1934 as Amended

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Docket No. TC08-008

**VERIZON WIRELESS' PETITION TO INTERVENE**

Verizon Wireless (VAW) LLC, CommNet Cellular License Holding LLC, Missouri Valley Cellular, Inc., Sanborn Cellular, Inc., and Eastern South Dakota Cellular, Inc. d/b/a Verizon Wireless ("Verizon Wireless") hereby petitions the Commission for intervention in the above-captioned proceeding pursuant to SDCL § 1-26-17.1 and A.R.S.D. §§ 20:10:01:15.02, 20:10:01:15.03 and 20:10:01:15.05. In support thereof, Verizon Wireless states as follows:

1. Verizon Wireless is a commercial mobile radio service ("CMRS") provider serving in the state of South Dakota. Verizon Wireless provides CMRS within the service area of the Petitioner, has licenses to provide service within the area of the Petitioner, or anticipates having such service in the future.

2. On February 8, 2007, Faith Municipal Telephone Company ("Petitioner") filed with the Commission a Petition for Suspension or Modification of 47 U.S.C. § 251(b)(2) of the Communications Act of 1934 as Amended ("Petition"). Petitioner seeks to be relieved of obligations it has under federal and state law to implement intermodal porting effective May 8, 2008.

3. If Petitioner receives a further suspension or modification of its obligation to implement intermodal porting, then customers of Petitioner will be unable to port their landline numbers to Verizon Wireless.

4. As a CMRS provider in the area served by Petitioner, the outcome of this proceeding will directly impact Verizon Wireless' pecuniary interests and it will be favorably or adversely bound and affected by this Commission's final decision on the request for suspension or modification. Verizon Wireless' ability to compete with Petitioner will be impacted by the Commission's decision in this matter.

5. In addition, this docket raises legal questions of general applicability in the state.

WHEREFORE, based on the foregoing, Verizon Wireless is an interested party in this matter and should be permitted to intervene.

Dated this 29th day of February, 2008.

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on the 29th day of February, 2008, a true and correct copy of **VERIZON WIRELESS' PETITION TO INTERVENE** in Docket No. TC08-008 was sent electronically and by first-class, U.S. Mail, postage paid to:

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