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September 26, 2008

Ms. Patricia Van Gerpen  
Public Utilities Commission  
500 E. Capitol  
Pierre, SD 57501

Re: In the Matter of the Application of Native American Telecom,  
LLC for a Certificate of Authority to Provide Local Exchange  
Service on the Crow Creek Indian Reservation  
TC 08-110

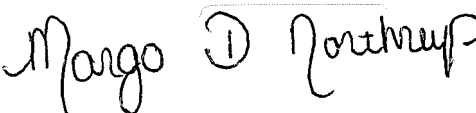
Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Enclosed herewith for filing please find Venture Communications Cooperative's  
Petition to Intervene.

By copy of this letter I am providing electronic copies to the parties involved.

Sincerely yours,

RITER, ROGERS, WATTIER & NORTHRUP,  
LLP

By:   
for Darla Pollman Rogers

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Enclosure

Cc: All interested parties

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION            )  
OF NATIVE AMERICAN TELECOM, LLC        )  
FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO        )            DOCKET NO. TC08-110  
PROVIDE LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE ON    )  
THE CROW CREEK INDIAN RESERVATION    )

**VENTURE COMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE**

**PETITION TO INTERVENE**

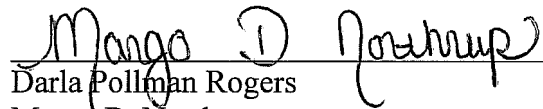
Venture Communications Cooperative (Venture), hereby petitions to intervene as a party in this matter pursuant to ARSD 20:10:01:15.02 and 20:10:32:04. In support of this Petition, Venture states as follows:

1. In its Petition, Native American Telecom, LLC (Native Telecom) requests authority to provide local exchange service on the Crow Creek Indian reservation which may include Venture's service area.
2. Venture is a telecommunications company that already holds a certificate of authority to provide local exchange service in the geographic area where Native Telecom seeks to provide local exchange service.
3. Venture, by this petition, requests intervener status in this proceeding.
4. ARSD 20:10:32:04 provides that the Commission "shall, upon request, grant each of the already certified telecommunications companies intervener status in any commission proceeding held on the application".
5. In addition, because Native Telecom's Petition seeks certification for local exchange services within Venture's service territory, Venture has an interest in and may be impacted by this proceeding.

6. Based on the foregoing, Venture is an interested party in this matter entitled to intervening party status.

WHEREFORE, Venture requests that the Commission grant its Petition and allow it to intervene and be granted party status in this proceeding.

Dated this 26 day of September, 2008.

  
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of VENTURE COMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE PETITION TO INTERVENE was served via the method(s) indicated below, on the 25 day of September, 2008, addressed to:

Ms. Patricia Van Gerpen, Executive Director ( ) First Class Mail  
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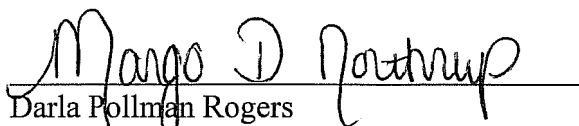
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