

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

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In the Matter of the Application of Northern Valley Communications, L.L.C. for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier.	* * *	Northern Valley Communications, L.L.C.'s Supplemental Filing
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On May 14, 2009, Northern Valley Communications, L.L.C. (NVC) filed its petition in application for designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier in the Aberdeen and Redfield exchanges of Qwest.

- 1. September 28, 2009, Commission Hearing. At the September 28, 2009, hearing on this petition, the Commission requested clarification on the following matters:
 - a. Service throughout the Redfield Exchange. NVC will provide service throughout the Redfield exchange as follows:
 - i. City of Redfield. NVC has and continues to build out facilities-based services in the City of Redfield. In those parts of the city not yet built out, NVC will provide services through the wireless services of its subsidiary, James Valley Wireless, LLC (JVW), which was granted ETC status on November 17, 2006, (TC06-077) in the James Valley Cooperative Telephone Company (JVT) service area and the Qwest service area of Redfield. The wireless service provided by JVW will consist of a fixed-line terminal capable of providing the supported services throughout the customer premises. NVC will lease these services from JVW.
 - ii. Rural Redfield. NVC will serve rural Redfield by offering wireless services through JVW, which has built towers that serve the rural Redfield exchange.
 - b. Service throughout the Aberdeen Exchange. Although the Commission did not inquire with respect to NVC's ability to serve throughout the Aberdeen exchange, NVC has or will serve throughout the Aberdeen service area as follows:

- i. City of Aberdeen. NVC has and continues to build out facilities-based services in the City of Aberdeen. In those parts of the city not yet built out, NVC will provide services through the wireless services of its subsidiary, JWV.
 - ii. Rural Aberdeen. NVC will serve rural Aberdeen by offering wireless services through JWV, which has built towers that serve the rural Aberdeen exchange.
 - c. Relationship between NVC/JWV. JWV is a South Dakota limited liability company that is wholly owned by NVC. JWV provides wireless communications services to its parent, NVC.
 - d. Access to Directory Assistance. Paragraph 12 of the May 14, 2009, Petition of NVC should read as follows:
 12. Access to Directory Assistance. NVC ~~will establish~~ has established an arrangement with a Directory Assistance provider. Subscribers to NVC's services will be able to dial "411" or "555-1212" to reach directory assistance from their phones.
2. Data Requests. To assist the Commission in its consideration of this petition, attached as **Exhibit 1** are NVC's responses to data requests dated June 16, 2009, July 8, 2009, and July 29, 2009.

WHEREFORE, NVC requests that the Commission, (1) enter an Order designating NVC as an ETC in the Redfield and Aberdeen Qwest exchanges, and (2) certify to the FCC that NVC will use the support for its intended purpose.

Dated this 6th day of October 2009.

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EXHIBIT 1 – PUC DATA REQUESTS

SEE ATTACHED DOCUMENTS

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Responses to 1st data request
June 16th, 2009

1-1) NVC is seeking ETC status in the Redfield and Aberdeen exchanges of Qwest. Can you confirm that NVC intends to serve the ENTIRE exchange including the rural areas?

Yes, NVC intends to serve the supported services throughout the exchanges through a combination of wired and wireless facilities.

1-2) Does NVC plan to offer any wireless service in these areas?

NVC will utilize wireless services when it is the most economical and reasonable option for reaching a customer.

1-3) On Page 3 of your application (No. 16), you mention "Advanced Communications Services". Please explain what these services are and how they differ from the services already offered in the area.

"Advanced Communications Services" refers to network benefits as well as services offered. NVC's existing network consists of newly constructed fiber optic lines and electronic equipment bringing the very best in bandwidth capacity, network survivability, reduced power consumption, and improved network routing algorithms.

1-4) What advantages or disadvantages will NVC's services provide to customers in the Redfield and Aberdeen exchanges?

The advantages will be the network benefits as listed in 1-3 as well as the improved customer service that is provided by a local company staffed by local residents who live in the affected areas and know the people that they serve. NVC is not aware of any disadvantages that its service will cause customers.

1-5) Please submit a copy of the customer service agreement (if applicable) .

[copy is attached]

1-6) Please submit an organization chart describing the companies; i.e. parent company, subsidiaries, etc. of James Valley/Northern Valley.

James Valley
parent company of

James Valley Communications
parent company of

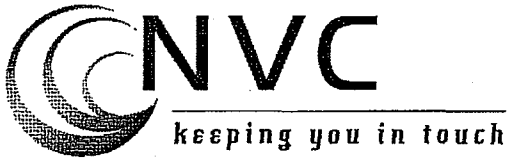
Northern Valley Communications
parent company of

James Valley Wireless

All subsidiaries are 100% owned by the parent company.

1-7) Please provide a sample of a Lifeline/Link UP Advertisement NVC will use.

[copy is attached]



Northern Valley Communications
 2211 8th Ave. NE Suite 1101 Aberdeen, SD 57401
 Phone: 725-1000 or 888-919-8945 Fax: 725-1050

CUSTOMER NAME _____ MAIN PHONE # _____
 PHYSICAL ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
 BILLING ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
 DO YOU: RENT OWN RENTAL PROPERTY OWNER/MANAGER _____
 FAX# _____ SS# or TAX ID _____ TAX STATUS: CITY STATE EXEMPT

BUS RES DIAL TONE DSL _____ kbps VIDEO PACKAGE _____ RATE _____ /mo
 NVC LONG DISTANCE YES NO INTRA RATE _____ INTER RATE _____ RATE _____ LOCAL & PIC FREEZE: YES NO
 PREVIOUS CUSTOMER NVC/JVT: YES NO NVC DIAL UP INTERNET ACCOUNT: YES NO CONTINUE: YES NO
 DSL:# COMPUTERS _____ FIREWALL: _____ ETHERNET CARD: _____ AUTO CONNECT: _____ WINDOWS PROGRAM: _____
 USER NAME: _____ PASSWORD: _____
 USER NAME: _____ PASSWORD: _____
 3 Way Calling Consultation Hold Call Transfer 900 Call Block Caller ID Call Waiting Voice Mail

CUSTOMER ACCOUNT CONTACT
 NAME: _____ Message phones #: _____ CELL PHONE #: _____
 CURRENT PROVIDERS: LOCAL _____ LD _____ M.A.C. AUTHORIZATION YES NO BILLING INFO AUTHORIZATION YES NO

AUTHORIZATIONS

 INITIAL I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE **PHYSICAL ADDRESS** ABOVE WILL BE IDENTIFIED AS MY ADDRESS FOR 911 EMERGENCY PURPOSES. CALLS FROM OFF PREMISE EXTENSIONS MAY RESULT IN EMERGENCY VEHICLES BEING DISPATCHED TO AN INCORRECT LOCATION. NVC IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY DAMAGES THAT MAY OCCUR.

 INITIAL **DIRECTORY LISTING:** CHANGE NEW RETAIN _____

 INITIAL **LETTER OF AGENCY** – THIS DOCUMENT AUTHORIZES NORTHERN VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS LLC (NVC) TO REQUEST AND RECEIVE DATA AND BILLING INFORMATION AND TO ACT AS MY REPRESENTATIVE FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS. NVC IS AUTHORIZED TO NOTIFY OUR LOCAL AND LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE COMPANIES OF MY TELECOMMUNICATIONS CHOICES FOR THE ABOVE LOCATION. THIS FURTHER AUTHORIZES NVC TO SWITCH MY OUTBOUND SERVICE TO NVC AND TO FREEZE MY LOCAL & PIC CHOICES WITH NVC UNTIL FURTHER WRITTEN NOTICE FROM ME.

 INITIAL **EQUIPMENT** INSTALLED BY NVC AT CUSTOMER'S PREMISES, WHICH IS NOT PURCHASED BY CUSTOMER, SHALL AT ALL TIMES REMAIN THE SOLE PROPERTY OF NVC. CUSTOMER ASSUMES ALL RISK OF LOSS AND/OR DAMAGE TO SUCH EQUIPMENT. IN THE EVENT CUSTOMER SHOULD REFUSE TO RETURN EQUIPMENT, OR THE SAME IS LOST, ALTERED, DESTROYED, DAMAGED OR STOLEN, CUSTOMER SHALL PAY NVC THE REASONABLE REPLACEMENT COST OF THE EQUIPMENT, PLUS ANY COSTS INCURRED BY NVC ARISING FROM THE LOSS OF OR DAMAGE TO THE EQUIPMENT. UPON TERMINATION OF SERVICES RELATED TO SAID EQUIPMENT AND UNTIL SUCH TIME AS EQUIPMENT IS RETURNED TO NVC IN PROPER WORKING CONDITION, CUSTOMERS WILL BE ASSESSED A CHARGE OF \$250 TO \$500 AS LIQUIDATED DAMAGES.

WE AGREE TO PAY ALL CHARGES FOR OUR LOCAL, LONG DISTANCE, CALLING CARD, TOLL FREE, HIGH-SPEED SERVICES AND DIGITAL VIDEO. THE UNDERSIGNED HAS READ THIS SERVICE AGREEMENT, INCLUDING TERMS AND CONDITIONS ON THE REVERSE SIDE, AND BY HIS/HER SIGNATURE ACKNOWLEDGES RECEIPT OF A COPY OF THIS AGREEMENT AND AGREES TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS CONTAINED HEREIN. I HEREBY AUTHORIZE NVC TO MAKE INQUIRIES CONCERNING MY CREDIT WORTHINESS AND HEREBY AUTHORIZE FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS, VENDORS, AND OTHERS TO DISCLOSE MY CREDIT INFORMATION TO NVC.

AUTHORIZED INDIVIDUAL _____ TITLE _____
 SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____
 NVC REPRESENTATIVE _____

Yes, You Can Afford Telephone Service... and NVC Can Show You How!

Federal and state lawmakers believe that every person in America should have access to quality, affordable telecommunications service. In fact, they've created a system to do just that.

If you participate in programs such as food stamps, Medicaid, the national school free-lunch program, Section 8 housing or supplemental security income or if your household income is below a certain threshold level, you may qualify for a discount on your telephone bill.

This "universal service" support includes:

Lifeline assistance that provides discounts for basic monthly local telephone service

Link Up that reduces the cost of initiating new telephone service

Toll Limitation Service that allows you to control your long distance charges

Additional discounts for eligible consumers living on tribal lands

**For more information,
call 725-1000 or
1-888-919-8945.**

The logo for NVC (National Volunteer Center) is displayed in a large, bold, stylized font. The letters are thick and have a slight 3D effect, with the 'N' and 'V' being particularly prominent.

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Responses to 2nd data request
July 8th, 2009

2-1) Per your response to Data Request 1-2, please provide information on the type of wireline and wireless technology NVC intends to use?

For wireline services NVC utilizes both fiber and copper connections to its customers for the provision of voice services. If NVC cannot reach a customer with its wireline services then it can establish a fixed wireless voice connection utilizing the licensed wireless services of James Valley Wireless.

2-2) NVC is projected to receive very little Universal Service Support in the future, based on your filing. What benefit does NVC see in obtaining ETC status?

NVC sees a benefit from obtaining ETC status in having the ability to offer the Lifeline and Linkup programs to low income consumers in the Aberdeen and Redfield exchanges.

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Responses to 3rd data request
July 29th, 2009

3-1) Is the local usage plan NVC offers comparable to the one offered by the incumbent local exchange carrier in the service areas for which you are seeking ETC designation? Compare those plans for NVC and Qwest.

Yes, both offer unlimited local calling for less than \$20 per month.

3-2) If the ILEC relinquishes ETC status, is NVC willing to serve as the carrier of last resort?

Yes.

3-3) How much High Cost Support did Qwest receive in the Aberdeen and Redfield exchanges last year?

NVC is not able to readily access the total amounts that Qwest receives for these exchanges. We believe that they receive no support for the Aberdeen exchange and less than \$5 per line per month in the Redfield exchange.

3-4) How does NVC receiving ETC status effect other ETC's in the requested service area?

NVC does not believe that its designation will pose any adverse effects for other ETC's in the designated areas.

3-5) How many customers is NVC currently serving in the Aberdeen and Redfield exchanges?

Approximately 5,250

3-6) What impact will designating NVC an ETC in the requested service areas have on the Universal Service Fund?

NVC will draw very little high cost support from the universal service fund and does not expect that it's designation as an ETC will have any adverse effects on the overall fund.