# EXHIBIT RGF-17

### 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 PROVIDE LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE WITHIN THE STUDY AREA OF MIDSTATE COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

Docket No. TC11-087

## NATIVE AMERICAN TELECOM, LLC'S <u>THIRD SUPPLEMENTAL</u> OBJECTIONS AND RESPONSES TO SPRINT COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY L.P.'S DISCOVERY REQUESTS

Native American Telecom, LLC ("NAT") hereby submits its **THIRD SUPPLEMENTAL** objections and responses to Sprint Communications

Company L.P.'s ("Sprint") Discovery Requests.

#### **GENERAL OBJECTIONS**

NAT incorporates the following objections into each of its specific objections below.

- 1. NAT objects generally to each discovery request to the extent it seeks information protected by the attorney-client privilege, the attorney work product doctrine, common interest doctrine, joint defense privilege, or any other applicable privilege or right.
- 2. NAT objects generally to each discovery request to the extent it is overbroad and seeks information not relevant to the subject matter of this action or reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible

evidence, and to the extent that the requests are vague and ambiguous or unduly burdensome.

- 3. NAT objects generally to each discovery request insofar as it purports to require NAT to inquire of all of its current and former employees, agents and representatives to determine whether information responsive to the question exists on the grounds that such an inquiry would be unduly burdensome and not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. NAT will therefore limit its inquiry to the appropriate employees currently employed by NAT that have or have had responsibility for matters to which the discovery request relates.
- 4. NAT objects generally to each discovery request to the extent that the information requested is known to Sprint or its counsel, or to the extent they require disclosure of information, documents, writings, records or publications in the public domain, or to the extent the information requested is equally available to Sprint from sources other than NAT.

Please see NAT's specific objections and responses attached hereto.

Dated this 21st day of May, 2013.

#### SWIER LAW FIRM, PROF. LLC

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#### **INTERROGATORIES**

**INTERROGATORY NO. 7:** Identify the location of the cell towers and WiMax equipment you claim allows you to provide service throughout the reservation. Provide coverage maps that demonstrate the signals being generated can reach throughout the reservation.

**THIRD SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE/OBJECTIONS:** The location of the cell towers and WiMax equipment is 253 Ree Circle, Fort Thompson, South Dakota 57339.

**INTERROGATORY NO. 9:** With respect to the voice services you have been providing, identify the taxes, assessments and surcharges that apply, including USF surcharges, TRS, and 911 assessments. Has NAT been collecting and/or remitting such amounts? If so, explain how amounts have been calculated, if not, why not? In doing so you should explain the calculations that resulted in NAT's remittance of \$10,665 to USAC for the 2012 calendar year.

THIRD SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE/OBJECTIONS: With respect to the voice services that NAT has been providing, the taxes, assessments and surcharges, including USF surcharges, TRS, and 911 assessments are as follows:

Federal USF - currently totaling 15.5% of interstate and international retail revenue.

Federal TRS - currently totaling 1.053% of interstate and international retail end user revenue.

SD TRS - \$0.15 per local exchange service line per month.

SD E-911 -- a charge, recently reduced to from \$1.25 to \$1.00, applies per line "on each local exchange access line of the governing body's jurisdiction for which the 911 system will be provided."

*NAT has been collecting and/or remitting the following amounts:* 

Federal USF - NAT collected and remitted Federal USF.

Federal TRS - NAT remitted Federal TRS, but specific TRS recovery on end user bills is prohibited.

SD E-911 - NAT neither collected nor remitted. E-911 is not provided to NAT's South Dakota customers.

SD TRS - NAT neither collected nor remitted.

These amounts have been calculated as follows:

Federal USF - NAT collects and remits based on interstate retail end user revenue (499 filings). Federal Subscriber Line Charges are what generate interstate retail end user revenue for NAT.

Federal TRS - NAT remitted Federal TRS based on its 499 filings, but specific TRS recovery on bills is prohibited.

SD E-911 - N/A, see above

SD TRS - N/A, see above

The calculation that resulted in NAT's remittance of \$10,665 to USAC for the 2012 calendar year is as follows:

The \$10,665 closely corresponds to the USAC assessment for 2010 revenue reported in the 2011 499A -- \$10,655:

	Revenue	Factor	Assessment
1st Quarter	\$11,855.10	14.1%	\$1,671.57
2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter	\$16,389.45	15.3%	\$2,507.59
3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter	\$24,439.05	13.6%	\$3,323.71

 4th Quarter
 \$24,439.05
 12.9%
 \$3,152.64

 Total
 \$77,122.65
 \$10,655.50

See "NAT's Response to Sprint's Interrogatory No. 9" (attached).

#### VERIFICATION

I, Jeff Holoubek, state that I have first-hand knowledge of the matters set forth above and hereby verify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the allegations and statements contained herein are true and correct.

Dated this  $20^{12}$  day of May, 2013.

Jeff Holoubek

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES )

Subscribed and sworn to before me this <u>20</u><sup>Th</sup>day of May, 2013.

Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

(SEAL)

CARLOS R. CESTERO
Commission # 1863963
Notary Public - California
Orange County
My Comm. Expires Sep 12, 2013

#### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and accurate copy of NATIVE AMERICAN
TELECOM, LLC'S THIRD SUPPLEMENTAL OBJECTIONS AND
RESPONSES TO SPRINT COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY L.P.'S DISCOVERY
REQUESTS was delivered via electronic mail on this 21st day of May,
2013, to the following parties:

Service List (SDPUC TC 11-087)

/s/ Scott R. Swier
Scott R. Swier