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Mary Lynn Headrick

of said county, being first duly sworn on

oath says that he/she is the Bookkeeper
of the Moody County Enterprise, a weekly newspaper
printed and published in said county of Moody and State
of South Dakota, and has full and personal knowledge
of all the facts herein stated; that said newspaper is a
legal newspaper and has a bona fide circulation of at
least two hundred copies weekly, and has been pub-
lished within said county for fifty-two consecutive weeks
next prior to the publication of the notice herein men-
tioned, and was and is printed wholly or in part in an
office maintained at said place of publication; that the
advertisement headed:

Notice by SD PUC of the
proposed sale of local
telephone exchanges

a printed copy of which, taken from the paper in which
the same was published, is attached to this sheet and is
made a part of this affidavit, was published in said news-
paper at least once in each week for 1 succes-
sive weeks, on the day of each week on which said news-
paper was regularly published, to wit:

July 30, 2014

that the full amount of the fee charged for the publica-
tion of said Notice inures to the benefit of the publisher
of said newspaper; that no agreement or understanding
for the division thereof has been made with any person,
and that no part thereof has been agreed to be paid to
any person whomsoever, and that the fees charged for
the publication thereof are

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M. L. Headrick
bookkeeper

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

3rd day of July 2014

ROBERT J. ANSSEN, D.
Notary Public, County of Moody, S. Dak.
SEAL SOUTH DAKOTA

My Commission Expires 2-16-18

**NOTICE BY THE SOUTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE
PROPOSED SALE OF LOCAL
TELEPHONE EXCHANGES**

On July 15, 2014, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a joint application to approve the sale of certain local telephone exchanges from Kite Parent Corp. (a subsidiary of WideOpenWest Finance, LLC, ("WOW!")), on behalf of itself and its subsidiaries Knology of the Plains, Inc.; Knology of the Black Hills, LLC; Knology Community Telephone, Inc.; Knology of South Dakota, Inc.; and Black Hills Fiber Systems, Inc. (collectively referred to as "WOW! South Dakota") and Clarity Telecom, LLC ("Clarity"). WOW! South Dakota proposes to sell its local telephone exchanges to Clarity. The proposed sale affects a number of local telephone exchanges and includes the following communities: Alsen, Belle Fourche, rural Beresford, Black Hawk, Box Elder, Canton, Centerville, Central City, Chancellor, Colman, Davis, Deadwood, Elk Point, Flandreau, Flyer, Gayville, Harrisburg, Hurley, Irene, Lead, Lennox, Madison, Monroe, North Sioux City, Parker, Piedmont, Rapid City, Sioux Falls, Spearfish, St. Onge, Sturgis, Summerset, Tea, Vermillion, Viborg, Volin, Wakonda, Wattertown, Whitewood, Worthing, and Yankton. The application states that the sale is in the public interest for the following reasons:

- 1) while under the previous two owners many operational functions were completed out of state, Clarity's focus will solely be the operation and expansion of the networks located in South Dakota, Minnesota, and Iowa;
- 2) Clarity plans to upgrade the network infrastructure;
- 3) there will be no change in rates for local telephone services offered in the telephone exchanges resulting from the purchase;
- 4) Clarity will continue to provide enhanced 911;

5) there will be no reduction in the state of South Dakota from the purchase and sale of exchanges;

6) Clarity is committed to providing state-of-the-art telecommunication services;

7) and there will be no discontinuation, or impairment of any services presently offered.

The public is invited to provide written comments to the Commission within 15 days of publication of this notice. Any member of the public may intervene as a formal party to the proceeding by following the procedure set forth in SDCL 20:10:01:15.02, which may be found at <http://legis.sd.gov/rules/DisplayRule.aspx?rule=20:10:01:15.02> or which may be accessed by contacting the Commission. Intervention must be received by the Commission within 15 days of publication of this notice. If sufficient public interest is demonstrated or if requested by a member of the public, the Commission may schedule a public hearing on the application. The Commission will issue a final decision on the application in accordance with SDCL 49-31-15.

The public may offer comments by providing copies of the application and comments to the Commission's confidential filings in the case by mail to the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission, 500 E. Capitol Avenue, Pierre, SD 57501, phone 1-800-332-1782 or (605) 773-1111, 1-866-757-6031; e-mail: publiccomment@puc.sd.gov. The application is also available on the Commission's website at <http://puc.sd.gov/Dockets/TelephoneExchanges/4-073.aspx>.

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