

Affidavit of Publication

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
COUNTY OF LINCOLN

ANDY WILCOX

being first duly sworn on his oath says; that the Sioux Valley News is a legal weekly newspaper of general circulation as required by South Dakota Code of Nineteen Hundred Thirty-Nine, and any acts amendatory thereto, printed and published by the Sioux Valley News, Inc., in Canton, in said county and State, and has been such legal newspaper during the time hereinafter mentioned; that he is and during all of said time was publisher of said newspaper and has personal knowledge of the facts stated in this affidavit; that the advertisement headed:

SD Public Utilities Commission Notice of Proposed Sale

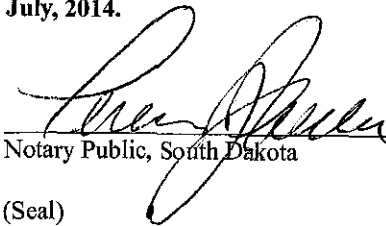
a printed copy of which is hereto attached, was printed and published in said newspaper for ONE successive week(s) upon the following dates, to-wit:

July 31, 2014

that the full amount of the fees charged for publishing the same to-wit: the sum of \$132.20 inures solely to the benefit of the publishers of said newspaper; that no agreement or understanding for any division of this sum has been made with any other person; and that no part of said sum has been agreed to be paid to any person whomsoever.



Ascribed and sworn to before me this 31st day of July, 2014.



Notary Public, South Dakota

(Seal)



My Commission Expires
12/9/2014

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 an application to approve the sale of certain local telephone exchanges from a subsidiary of WideOpenWest Finance, LLC, ("WOW!"), on behalf of its subsidiaries: Knology of the Plains, Inc.; Knology of the Black Hills, LLC; Knology of South Dakota, Inc.; and Black Hills Fiber Systems, Inc. (collectively "WOW! South Dakota") and Clarity Telecom, LLC ("Clarity"). WOW! South Dakota will sell its local telephone exchanges to Clarity. The proposed sale affects certain local telephone exchanges and includes the following communities: Alsen, Beresford, Black Hawk, Box Elder, Canton, Centerville, Central City, Deadwood, Elk Point, Flandreau, Flyger, Gayville, Harrisburg, Hurley, Madison, Monroe, North Sioux City, Parker, Piedmont, Rapid City, Sioux Falls, Onge, Sturgis, Summerset, Tea, Vermillion, Viborg, Volin, Wakonda, 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 operations were completed out of state, Clarity's focus will solely be the operation and maintenance of exchanges located in South Dakota, Minnesota, and Iowa; 2) Clarity plans to upgrade its network infrastructure; 3) there will be no change in rates for local telephone services on the telephone exchanges resulting from the purchase; 4) Clarity will continue to provide 911; 5) there will be no reduction in tax revenues to the state of South Dakota from the purchase and sale of the telephone exchanges; 6) Clarity is committed to providing state-of-the-art telecommunications services; and 7) and there will be no reduction, or impairment of any of the services presently offered.

The public is invited to participate by providing written comments to the Commission during the days of publication of this notice. Any member of the public may petition the Commission as a formal party in the proceeding by following the procedure set forth in AR 20:10:01. The AR is available at <http://legis.sd.gov/rules/DisplayRule.aspx?Rule=20:10:01>. Petitions for intervention must be filed with the Commission within 15 days of publication of this notice. If sufficient public interest is demonstrated or if requested by a party, the Commission may schedule a public hearing. The Commission shall issue a final decision on the application within 30 days of the application. SDCL 49-31-59.

The public may offer comments or obtain copies of the application and filings in the case by contacting the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission, 400 North Pierre Avenue, Pierre, SD 57501; phone 1-800-332-1782 or (605) 773-3201; e-mail: puc@state.sd.us. The application is also available on the Commission's website at <http://puc.sd.gov/Dockets/Telecom/2014/TC14-073.aspx>.

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