

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILLING BY) TC19-052
NORTHERN VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS,)
LLC FOR APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO) **SPRINT'S PETITION FOR**
ITS ACCESS SERVICE TARIFF NO. 1) **INTERVENTION**
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COMES NOW, Sprint Communications Company L.P., ("Sprint"), by and through its counsel, and pursuant to A.R.S.D. § 20:10:01:15:02, files this Petition for Intervention, and in support thereof states as follows:

1. Sprint is a corporation with its principal place of business at 6450 Sprint Parkway, Overland Park, Kansas 66251. Sprint is a provider of telecommunications services and is authorized to transact business in the State of South Dakota.

2. Northern Valley's proposed tariff revisions designate James Valley, the ILEC affiliate of Northern Valley, as Northern Valley's sole intermediate access provider. Northern Valley seeks to designate a James Valley switch in Groton, SD as its access tandem rather than South Dakota Network's tandem in Sioux Falls, SD. As a provider doing business in South Dakota, Sprint is an interested party in this proceeding as implementation of Northern Valley's tariff revisions may result in pricing regulation in South Dakota that directly impacts Sprint's operations by increasing the charges billed to IXCs for the transport from Sioux Falls to the distant James Valley tandem.

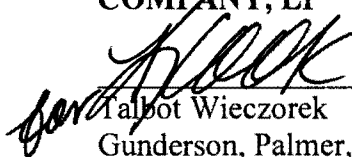
3. Northern Valley proposed these revisions to its interstate access tariff filed at the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The FCC found that there were "substantial questions regarding the lawfulness of Northern Valley's proposed tariff revisions that require

further investigation.”¹ The FCC suspended the tariff revisions in order to allow it to complete an investigation.²

WHEREFORE, Sprint respectfully requests that the Commission grant it status as an Intervenor in this matter and, as such, that Sprint be allowed to participate in this matter as provided in the administrative rules and state law.

Dated: January 17, 2020.

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¹ Suspension Order, *In re Northern Valley Communications, LLC Tariff F.C.C. No. 3*, WC Docket No. 20-11, DA 20-40 (Jan. 10, 2020); *see also* Sprint Petition to Reject or Suspend, WC Docket No. 20-11, at 3 (Jan. 3, 2020)

² *Id.*

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Petition for Intervention (Docket TC19-052) was delivered by electronic mail this 17th day of January, 2020, to the following:

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