BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING FOR APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT NO. 4 TO THE INTERCONNECTION RECIPROCAL TRANSPORT AND TERMINATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN VERIZON WIRELESS AND VENTURE COMMUNICATIONS, COOPERATIVE, INC.	))))))	**ORDER APPROVING AMENDMENT TO INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT** **TC23-056**

On December 14, 2023, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252 for the Amendment No. 4 to the Interconnection Agreement between Verizon Wireless and Venture Communications, Inc. The Amendment authorizes Verizon Wireless' agent, Verizon Business, to order new direct connection facilities to the point of interconnection location within Venture Communications' rate center.

On December 21, 2023, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing of the Agreement to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. The notice stated that any person wishing to comment on the parties' request had until January 3, 2024, to do so. No comments were filed.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-31 and the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on February 20, 2024, the Commission considered whether to approve the Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement between Verizon Wireless and Venture Communications, Inc. Commission staff recommended approval with a revised title.

In accordance with 47 U.S.C. § 252(e)(2), the Commission found that the Amendment does not discriminate against a telecommunications carrier that is not a party to the Interconnection Agreement and the Amendment is consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity. The Commission unanimously voted to approve the Amendment. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Commission approves Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement between Verizon Wireless and Venture Communications, Inc.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 22nd day of February 2024.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, electronically or by mail.

By: Kristie Edwards

Date: 22 February 2024

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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KRISTIE FIEGEN, Chairperson

Gary Hanson

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CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner