

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING FOR ) APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO THE ) RECIPROCAL TRANSPORT AND TERMINATION ) AGREEMENT BETWEEN VERIZON WIRELESS ) AND VALLEY TELECOMMUNICATIONS ) COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION )	)	ORDER APPROVING AMENDMENT TO INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT  TC24-006
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On February 9, 2024, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252 for approval of the Amendment No. 2 to the Interconnection Agreement (Amendment) between Verizon Wireless and Valley Telecommunications Cooperative Association (Valley). The Amendment authorizes Verizon Wireless' agent, Verizon Business, to order new direct connection facilities to the point of interconnection location within Valley's rate center.

On February 15, 2024, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing of the Amendment to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. The notice stated that initial comments were due February 29, 2024. 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 of March 12, 2024, the Commission considered whether to approve the negotiated Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement between Verizon Wireless and Valley Telecommunications Cooperative Association. Commission staff recommended approval.

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 voted unanimously to approve the Amendment. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Commission hereby approves the Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement between Verizon Wireless and Valley Telecommunications Cooperative Association.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of March 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 Fiegen*

Date: 13 March 2024

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

*Kristie Fiegen*  
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Chairperson

*Gary Hanson*  
GARY HANSON, Commissioner

*Chris Nelson*  
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner