

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY GCC)	ORDER DESIGNATING GCC
LICENSE CORPORATION FOR DESIGNATION)	LICENSE CORPORATION
AS AN ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS)	AS AN ELIGIBLE
CARRIER)	TELECOMMUNICATIONS
)	CARRIER IN NON-RURAL
)	TELEPHONE COMPANY
)	EXCHANGES
)	TC98-146

On August 25, 1998, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a request from GCC License Corporation (GCC) requesting designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) for all the exchanges contained within all of the counties in South Dakota.

On August 26, 1998, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of September 11, 1998, to interested individuals and entities. At its September 23, 1998, meeting, the Commission granted intervention to Dakota Telecommunications Group, Inc. (DTG), South Dakota Independent Telephone Coalition (SDITC), and U S WEST Communications, Inc. (U S WEST).

The Commission set the hearing for December 17 and 18, 1998, in Room 412, State Capitol, Pierre, South Dakota. The issue at the hearing was whether GCC should be granted designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier for all the exchanges contained within all of the counties in South Dakota. The hearing was held as scheduled and briefs were filed following the hearing. At its April 26, 1999, meeting, the Commission unanimously voted to deny the application.

GCC appealed the Commission's decision to circuit court. The circuit court reversed the Commission's decision and remanded the case to the Commission for findings on whether it is in the public interest to grant ETC status to GCC in areas served by rural telephone companies. The Commission, SDITC, and U S WEST appealed the circuit court's decision to the Supreme Court. On March 14, 2001, the Supreme Court affirmed the circuit court's decision.

On August 30, 2001, the Commission received a proposed order from GCC along with a list of the Qwest exchanges within which GCC would be designated as an ETC.

In accordance with the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order dated March 22, 2000, in Civil Case No. 99-235, IT IS ORDERED:

1. GCC is designated as an ETC pursuant to 47 U.S.C. section 214(e)(2) in the exchanges listed on Attachment A, which is incorporated by reference. These exchanges constitute all non-rural telephone company exchanges in the state of South Dakota;

2. In providing service in South Dakota as an ETC, GCC shall comply with all applicable federal and state requirements;

3. The Commission retains jurisdiction over this docket and GCC for the purpose of ensuring that GCC's provision of services as an ETC complies with all applicable federal and state requirements;

4. The Commission shall send a letter, in the form of Attachment B hereto, notifying the Federal Communications Commission and the Universal Service Administrative Company of GCC's designation as an ETC in all non-rural telephone company exchanges in the state of South Dakota.

NOTICE OF ENTRY OF ORDER

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that this Order was duly entered on the 18th day of October, 2001. Pursuant to SDCL 1-26-32, this Order will take effect ten days after the date of receipt or failure to accept delivery of the decision by the parties.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 18th day of October, 2001.

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, by facsimile or by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.	
By:	<u>Helaine Kalbo</u>
Date:	<u>10/19/01</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)	

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

James A. Burg
JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

Pam Nelson
PAM NELSON, Commissioner

Qwest Wire Centers South Dakota

Locality	Wire Center Code	Telephone Company
ABERDEEN	ABRSDCO	Qwest
ARLINGTON	ARTNSDCO	Qwest
BELLE FOURCHE	BLFRSDCO	Qwest
BLACK HAWK	BLHKSDCE	Qwest
CAVOUR	CAVRSDCO	Qwest
CHAMBERLAIN	CHBLSDCO	Qwest
COLMAN	CLMNSDCO	Qwest
CANTON-FAIRVIEW	CNTNSDCO	Qwest
DEADWOOD	DDWSDCO	Qwest
DESMET	DEMSDCO	Qwest
ELK POINT	ELPNSDCO	Qwest
FLANDREAU	FLNSDCO	Qwest
FORT PIERRE	FTPRSDCE	Qwest
HILL CITY	HLCYSDCO	Qwest
HARRISBURG	HRBGSDCO	Qwest
HURON	HURNSDCO	Qwest
IROQUOIS	IRQSSDCO	Qwest
LEAD	LEADSDCO	Qwest
LAKE PRESTON	LKPRSDCO	Qwest
MCINTOSH	MCINSDCO	Qwest
MADISON	MDSNSDCE	Qwest
MILBANK	MLBNSDCO	Qwest
MILLER	MLLRSDCO	Qwest
MORRISTOWN	MRTWSDCO	Qwest
MITCHELL	MTCHSDCO	Qwest
ORTONVILLE	ORVLMNOR	Qwest
PIERRE	PIRRSDCO	Qwest
REDFIELD	RDFSDCO	Qwest
RAPID CITY	RPCYSDCO	Qwest
RAPID VALLEY	RPVYSDCO	Qwest
SPEARFISH	SPRFSDCO	Qwest
STURGIS	STRGSDCO	Qwest
N. SIOUX CITY	SXCYIADT	Qwest
SIOUX FALLS	SXFLSDCO	Qwest
S.E. SIOUX FALLS	SXFLSDSE	Qwest
S.W. SIOUX FALLS	SXFLSDSW	Qwest
TEA	TEA SDCO	Qwest
TIMBER LAKE	TMLKSDCO	Qwest
VALENTINE	VLNTNENW	Qwest
VOLGA-BRUCE	VOLGSDCO	Qwest
VERMILLION	VRMLSDCO	Qwest
WHITEWOOD	WHWSDCO	Qwest
WARWICK	WRWKSDCO	Qwest
WATERTOWN	WTTWSDCO	Qwest
YANKTON	YNTNSDCO	Qwest



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ATTACHMENT B

October 19, 2001

Magalie Roman Salas
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Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Ms. Salas and Ms. Parrino:

Pursuant to section 214(e)(2) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, and 47 C.F.R. sections 54.201 - 54.203, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (SDPUC) has designated GCC License Corporation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC). GCC was designated an ETC in South Dakota in non-rural telephone company exchanges on October 18, 2001, in Docket TC98-146, *In the Matter of the Filing by GCC License Corporation for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier*. A copy of this Order is enclosed. Also enclosed is Attachment A to the Order which identifies GCC's designated service areas in South Dakota.

If additional information is required, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

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