

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY RCC)	ORDER GRANTING
MINNESOTA, INC. AND WIRELESS ALLIANCE,)	INTERVENTION
L.L.C. D/B/A UNICEL FOR DESIGNATION AS)	
AN ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS)	TC03-193
CARRIER)	

On November 18, 2003, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing by RCC Minnesota, Inc. and Wireless Alliance, L.L.C. d/b/a Unicel (Rural Cellular) petitioning for approval of it as an eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC).

On November 20, 2003, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of December 5, 2003, to interested individuals and entities. Requests to intervene were filed by the following parties on December 4, 2003:

James Valley Cooperative Telephone Company
Union Telephone Company
Stockholm-Strandburg Telephone Company
Venture Communications Cooperative
Interstate Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc.

Requests to intervene were filed by the following parties on December 5, 2003:

Sioux Valley Telephone Company
PrairieWave Community Telephone, Inc.
South Dakota Telecommunications Association
Roberts County Telephone Cooperative Association
RC Communications, Inc.
Alliance Communications Cooperative, Inc.

The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26 and 49-31.

At a regularly scheduled meeting of December 16, 2003, the Commission found that the Petitions to Intervene which are listed above were timely filed and demonstrated good cause to grant intervention. It is therefore

ORDERED that the Petitions to intervene by James Valley Cooperative Telephone Company, Union Telephone Company, Stockholm-Strandburg Telephone Company, Venture Communications Cooperative, Interstate Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc., Sioux Valley Telephone Company, PrairieWave Community Telephone, Inc., South Dakota Telecommunications Association, Roberts County Telephone Cooperative Association, RC Communications, Inc., and Alliance Communications Cooperative, Inc., shall be granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 22nd day of December, 2003.

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: Melaine Kolbo

Date: 12/23/03

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Robert K. Sahr

ROBERT K. SAHR, Chairman

Gary Hanson

GARY HANSON, Commissioner

James A. Burg

JAMES A. BURG, Commissioner