

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY)	ORDER GRANTING
PRAIRIEWAVE TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.)	WITHDRAWAL OF
FOR AN EXEMPTION FROM DEVELOPING)	INTERVENTION AND
COMPANY SPECIFIC COST-BASED)	ORDER GRANTING
SWITCHED ACCESS RATES)	PETITION FOR WAIVER
)	TC07-118

On November 16, 2007, PrairieWave Telecommunications, Inc. (PrairieWave) filed a Petition for Exemption from ARSD 20:10:27:11 to 20:10:27:13. PrairieWave requested that the Commission exempt PrairieWave from developing company-specific cost-based switched access rates in 2007 and to continue to charge its currently tariffed intrastate switched access charges. On December 14, 2007, the Commission received an Amended Petition for Exemption from PrairieWave for a waiver from the requirement in ARSD 20:10:27:07 to file a cost study "no less than once every three years." PrairieWave requested a waiver of the cost study requirement because (1) producing such a study is costly, (2) PrairieWave does not have internal expertise or resources necessary to determine cost-based intrastate rates, and (3) PrairieWave does not intend to raise access rates at this time, although preliminary analysis indicates that a cost study would likely support higher rates than even those from the last study.

On November 22, 2007, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of December 14, 2007, to interested individuals and entities. On December 14, 2007, the Commission received a Petition to Intervene from AT&T Communications of the Midwest, Inc. (AT&T). On December 19, 2007, the Commission received a Request to Amend Petition and Provide a Waiver from PrairieWave. At a regularly scheduled meeting of January 15, 2008, the Commission granted intervention to AT&T. On March 21, 2008, the Commission received a Motion to Withdraw Intervention from AT&T.

On March 19, 2008, PrairieWave informed the Commission that its name is now Knology of the Plains, Inc.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 1-26-17.1, 49-1A-9, 49-31-12.6, 49-31-18, 49-31-19 and ARSD 20:10:01:15.05, 20:10:27:02, 20:10:27:07 and 20:10:27:08.

At a regularly scheduled meeting of March 25, 2008, the Commission considered this matter. PrairieWave stated that it would file a switched access cost study or request a waiver of the three year filing requirement after PrairieWave's financials for 2009 are closed. The Commission found that AT&T's Motion to Withdraw Intervention should be granted and also granted the requested waiver. It is therefore

ORDERED, that AT&T's Motion to Withdraw Intervention is hereby granted, and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that a waiver of ARSD 20:10:27:07 is hereby granted to PrairieWave for the three year period ending on December 29, 2010, and that PrairieWave's existing tariff, effective December 29, 2004, shall remain in effect until such date or the Commission shall otherwise order.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 8th day of April, 2008.

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: Helaine Kolbo

Date: 4/9/08

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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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GARY HANSON, Chairman

Steve Kolbeck
STEVE KOLBECK, Commissioner

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