

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

<b>IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING FOR )</b>	<b>ORDER GRANTING</b>
<b>APPROVAL OF A BOUNDARY CHANGE )</b>	<b>AMENDED CERTIFICATES</b>
<b>BETWEEN VALLEY TELECOMMUNICATIONS )</b>	<b>OF AUTHORITY AND</b>
<b>COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION, INC. AND )</b>	<b>ORDER APPROVING</b>
<b>JAMES VALLEY COOPERATIVE TELEPHONE )</b>	<b>BOUNDARY CHANGE</b>
<b>COMPANY )</b>	<b>TC07-126</b>

On December 26, 2007, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a joint filing from Valley Telecommunications Cooperative Association, Inc. (Valley) and James Valley Cooperative Telephone Company (James Valley) for approval of a boundary change pursuant to SDCL 49-31-69. Valley and James Valley submit that the change of boundaries will provide a more easily defined boundary between Valley and James Valley in the exchange of Leola/Frederick and no current customers are affected by the proposed boundary changes. Valley and James Valley attached service area maps indicating the area affected by the proposed change. Valley and James Valley requested a waiver of all other application requirements required by ARSD 20:10:32:03 because the Commission currently has all of the required information on file and the data required is not affected by the proposed boundary change. Valley and James Valley requested Amended Certificates of Authority, pursuant to SDCL 49-31-69. Valley and James Valley also requested a waiver of subparagraphs 1 through 7, 9 through 21 and 23 of ARSD 20:10:32:03, as the Commission already has the information needed on file.

On December 27, 2007, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of January 11, 2008, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed.

On March 11, 2008, at its regularly scheduled meeting, the Commission considered the parties' request for approval of a revision to Valley and James Valley's exchange boundary, the requests for Amended Certificates of Authority, and a waiver of subparagraphs 1 through 7, 9 through 21 and 23 of ARSD 20:10:32:03.

The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-31, specifically 49-31-3 and 49-31-69 and ARSD 20:10:32:03. The Commission finds that Valley and James Valley have met the legal requirements established for the granting of amended certificates of authority. Valley and James Valley have previously, in accordance with SDCL 49-31-3 and 49-31-71, demonstrated sufficient technical, financial and managerial capabilities to offer telecommunications services in South Dakota. Further, the Commission finds that there is good cause to waive subparagraphs 1 through 7, 9 through 21 and 23 of ARSD 20:10:32:03. Further, the Commission finds that pursuant to SDCL 49-31-69, the Amended Certificates of Authority shall be granted, that the proposed revision to Valley and James Valley's exchange boundary is in the public interest and the request shall be granted, and ARSD 20:10:32:03, subparagraphs 1 through 7, 9 through 21 and 23 shall be waived. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED, that the requests for Amended Certificates of Authority shall be granted; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that the proposed revision to Valley and James Valley's exchange boundary shall be granted; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that ARSD 20:10:32:03, parts 1 through 7, 9 through 21 and 23 shall be waived.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 8<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2008.

<b>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</b>
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>Delaine Kolbo</u>
Date: <u>4/9/08</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson  
GARY HANSON, Chairman

Steve Kolbeck  
STEVE KOLBECK, Commissioner

Dustin M. Johnson  
DUSTIN M. JOHNSON, Commissioner