

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

<b>IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF )</b>	
<b>CELLCO PARTNERSHIPS AND ITS )</b>	
<b>SUBSIDIARIES AND AFFILIATES TO AMEND )</b>	<b>ORDERING CANCELING</b>
<b>AND CONSOLIDATE ELIGIBLE )</b>	<b>HEARING AND DEFERRING</b>
<b>TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER )</b>	<b>PENDING MOTIONS</b>
<b>DESIGNATIONS IN THE STATE OF SOUTH )</b>	
<b>DAKOTA AND TO PARTIALLY RELINQUISH )</b>	<b>TC10-090</b>
<b>ETC DESIGNATIONS )</b>	

On September 3, 2010, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a petition from Celco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless, and its subsidiaries and affiliates offering commercial mobile radio services in South Dakota (Verizon Wireless), to amend and consolidate the eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) designations currently held separately in the name of WWC License, LLC (WWC) and RCC Minnesota, Inc. (RCC) in the state of South Dakota to reflect Celco Partnership and its affiliated legal entities as the designated entity. Verizon Wireless requests that amendment and consolidation of the ETC designations be deemed effective immediately. Verizon Wireless further requests that the partial relinquishment of WWC's ETC status in the Golden West Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc. (Golden West) Study Area Code 391659 be deemed effective immediately. On September 9, 2010, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing to interested individuals and entities. The notice stated that any person wishing to intervene had until September 24, 2010, to do so. On September 24, 2010, the Commission received a Petition to Intervene from South Dakota Telecommunications Association (SDTA) and Golden West Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc. (Golden West). On October 12, 2010, the Commission granted intervention to SDTA and Golden West. On October 14, 2010, James Valley Wireless (James Valley) filed a Petition to Intervene. On October 26, 2010, the Commission granted intervention to James Valley.

On November 5, 2010, Verizon Wireless filed a Motion Requesting Confidentiality Agreement. The motion was granted and a protective order was issued by the Commission. On November 12, 2010, Verizon Wireless filed a Motion for Commission Approval of Partial Relinquishment of ETC Designation. On November 15, 2010, Verizon Wireless filed a proposed Order Approving Partial Relinquishment of ETC Designation. On November 16, 2010, the Commission approved the request for partial relinquishment of WWC's ETC designation.

A procedural schedule was agreed to by the parties and was subsequently amended. By order dated February 18, 2011, the hearing in this matter was scheduled for May 11-12, 2011. Testimony was filed by the parties pursuant to the procedural schedule. On April 12, 2011, Verizon Wireless filed a Motion to Strike Testimony of Witness Peter Bluhm. On April 25, 2011, Verizon Wireless filed Motions to Compel Discovery Responses from Golden West, James Valley, and SDTA. On April 28, 2011, Verizon Wireless filed Supplements to Motions to Compel Discovery Responses from Golden West and SDTA. James Valley filed briefs in opposition to the Motion to Strike and Motion to Compel Discovery Responses from James Valley. Golden West and SDTA filed a brief in opposition to the Motions to Compel Discovery Responses from Golden West and SDTA.

The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 214(e)(4), 47 C.F.R § 54.205(a)-(b), SDCL 49-31-78, and ARSD 20:10:32:48.

At its regularly scheduled May 3, 2011, the Commission considered the Motion to Strike and Motions to Compel. The Commission was informed that James Valley and Verizon Wireless had agreed to defer the Motion to Strike and Motions to Compel until the next Commission meeting scheduled for May 17, 2011, in order to give the parties additional time to attempt to narrow and clarify the issues. In addition, James Valley and Verizon Wireless requested that the hearing currently scheduled for May 11-12, 2011, be rescheduled until after June 1, 2011. Intervenors Golden West and SDTA did not object to deferring action on the motions and rescheduling the hearing. The Commission unanimously voted to defer action on the motions and to reschedule the hearing for some time after June 1, 2011. It is therefore

ORDERED, the Commission defers action on the Motion to Strike and Motions to Compel; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that the hearing scheduled for May 11-12, 2011 is cancelled and shall be rescheduled at a later date.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 4 day of May, 2011.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p>By: <u><i>Janet A. Dahl</i></u></p> <p>Date: <u>5-4-11</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(OFFICIAL SEAL)</p>
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

*Steve Kolbeck*  
STEVE KOLBECK, Chairman

*Gary Hanson*  
GARY HANSON, Commissioner

*Chris Nelson*  
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner