

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF WIDE)
VOICE, L.L.C. FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO)
PROVIDE LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICES AND)
INTEREXCHANGE LONG DISTANCE SERVICES IN)
SOUTH DAKOTA)**

**ORDER FOR AND NOTICE OF
PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE AND
HEARING**

TC11-088

On October 27, 2011, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an application from Wide Voice, L.L.C. (Wide Voice) for a certificate of authority to provide local exchange services and interexchange long distance services to both residential and business customers in South Dakota.

On November 3, 2011, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of November 18, 2011, to interested individuals and entities. On November 18, 2011, the Commission received a Petition to Intervene from AT&T Communications of the Midwest, Inc. (AT&T) and Sprint Communications Company, L.P. (Sprint). On November 18, 2011, Qwest Communications Company LLC dba CenturyLink (CenturyLink) filed CenturyLink's Objection to Wide Voice's Application for Certificate, Request for Investigation and Hearing, and Request for Intervention. On December 2, 2011, Wide Voice filed Wide Voice's Reply and Opposition to the Petitions for Intervention. On December 6, 2011, the Commission granted intervention to ATT, Sprint, and CenturyLink. On January 11, 2012, Wide Voice filed a Motion Requesting a Protective Order Requiring the Parties and Intervenors to Comply with a Confidentiality Agreement. On January 31, 2012, the Commission granted this motion.

The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26 and 49-31 and ARSD 20:10:01:15.05.

The procedural schedule shall be as follows:

| DATE | PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE |
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| February 3, 2012 | Wide Voice Initial Testimony Due |
| February 10, 2012 | Intervenors/Wide Voice Serve Discovery |
| February 24, 2012 | Discovery Responses Due |
| March 7, 2012 | Intervenors Testimony Due |
| March 16, 2012 | Wide Voice Reply Testimony Due |
| March 28-29, 2012 | Hearing |

Simultaneous post-trial briefs will be filed within ten (10) days of receiving the hearing transcript. Simultaneous post-trial reply briefs will be filed within ten (10) days of receiving post-trial briefs.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a hearing shall be held commencing at 9:00 a.m., with marking of exhibits to begin at 8:30 a.m., on Wednesday, March 28, 2012, and continuing at 9:00 a.m., on March 29, 2012, in Room 414 of the State Capitol, 500 E. Capitol Ave, Pierre, South Dakota. The hearing is

open to the public. All persons testifying shall be subject to cross-examination.

The issue at the hearing is whether to grant Wide Voice a certificate of authority to provide local exchange services and interexchange long distance services to both residential and business customers in the areas served by CenturyLink.

The hearing shall be an adversary proceeding conducted pursuant to SDCL Chapter 1-26. All parties have the right to be present and to be represented by an attorney. These rights and other due process rights shall be forfeited if not exercised at the hearing. If you or your representative fail to appear at the time and place set for the hearing, the Final Decision will be based solely on the testimony and evidence provided, if any, during the hearing or a Final Decision may be issued by default pursuant to SDCL 1-26-20. After the hearing the Commission will consider all evidence and testimony that was presented at the hearing. The Commission will then enter Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and a Final Decision regarding this matter. As a result of this hearing, the Commission shall determine whether to grant Wide Voice a certificate of authority to provide local exchange services and interexchange long distance services to both residential and business customers in the areas served by CenturyLink. The Commission's Final Decision may be appealed by the parties to the state Circuit Court and the state Supreme Court as provided by law. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the procedural schedule set forth above shall be followed by all parties to these proceedings. It is further

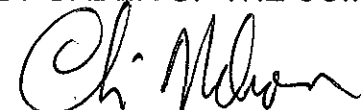
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Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, this hearing is being held in a physically accessible location. Please contact the Public Utilities Commission at 1-800-332-1782 at least 48 hours prior to the hearing if you have special needs so arrangements can be made to accommodate you.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 22 day of February, 2012.

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| 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, electronically. | |
| By: |  |
| Date: | <u>02-22-12</u> |
| (OFFICIAL SEAL) | |

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


CHRIS NELSON, Chairman


KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner


GARY HANSON, Commissioner