

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPROVAL OF)
AN INTERCARRIER COMPENSATION BILL)
AND KEEP AMENDMENT TO AN)
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT)
BETWEEN NEW CINGULAR WIRELESS)
PCS, LLC, AND ITS COMMERCIAL MOBILE)
RADIO SERVICE OPERATING AFFILIATES,)
DBA AT&T MOBILITY AND SANTEL)
COMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE)**

**ORDER APPROVING AMENDMENT
TO INTERCONNECTION
AGREEMENT**

TC12-146

On September 18, 2012, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252 for approval of an Intercarrier Compensation Bill and Keep Amendment (amendment) to the Interconnection Agreement between Santel Communications Cooperative and New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC, dba AT&T Mobility (AT&T Mobility).

On September 20, 2012, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing of the amendment to interested individuals and entities. The notice stated that any person wishing to comment on the parties' request for approval had until October 9, 2012, to do so. No comments were filed.

At its October 23, 2012, meeting, the Commission considered whether to approve the negotiated amendment to the agreement between Santel Communications Cooperative and AT&T Mobility. Commission Staff recommended approval.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-31 and the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996. In accordance with 47 U.S.C. § 252(e)(2), the Commission found that the amendment to the agreement does not discriminate against a telecommunications carrier that is not a party to the amendment and the amendment is consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity. The Commission unanimously voted to approve the amendment to the agreement. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Commission approves the amendment to the Interconnection Agreement between Santel Communications Cooperative and AT&T Mobility.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 29th day of October, 2012.

<p>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</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>Joy Seamy</u></p> <p>Date: <u>10.29.12</u></p> <p align="center">(OFFICIAL SEAL)</p>

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Chairman

Kristie Fiegen
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Commissioner