

**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 CELLCO PARTNERSHIP)
DBA VERIZON WIRELESS; CELLULAR INC.)
NETWORK CORPORATION DBA VERIZON)
WIRELESS; CELLULAR, INC. FINANCIAL)
CORPORATION DBA VERIZON WIRELESS;)
MIDWEST WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS, LLC DBA)
VERIZON WIRELESS; RURAL CELLULAR)
CORPORATION DBA VERIZON WIRELESS; VERIZON)
WIRELESS (VAW) LLC DBA VERIZON WIRELESS;)
WWC HOLDING CO., INC. DBA VERIZON WIRELESS)
AND VALLEY TELECOMMUNICATIONS)
COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION, INC.)

**ORDER APPROVING AMENDMENT
TO INTERCONNECTION
AGREEMENT**

TC12-176

On October 5, 2012, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing pursuant to 47 U.S.C. §§ 251 and 252 for approval of an Intercarrier Compensation Bill and Keep Amendment (amendment) to the Interconnection Agreement between Cellco Partnership dba Verizon Wireless; Cellular Inc. Network Corporation dba Verizon Wireless; Cellular, Inc. Financial Corporation dba Verizon Wireless; Midwest Wireless Communications, LLC dba Verizon Wireless; Rural Cellular Corporation dba Verizon Wireless; Verizon Wireless (VAW) LLC dba Verizon Wireless; WWC Holding Co., Inc. dba Verizon Wireless (Verizon Wireless) and Valley Telecommunications Cooperative Association, Inc. (Valley).

On October 11, 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 25, 2012, to do so. No comments were filed.

At its November 6, 2012, meeting, the Commission considered whether to approve the negotiated amendment to the agreement between Valley and Verizon Wireless. 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 Verizon Wireless and Valley.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 8th day of November, 2012.

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: Jay Lamy

Date: Nov. 8, 2012

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Chairman

Kristie Fiegen
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Commissioner