

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPROVAL OF A)
WIRELINE INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT)
BETWEEN CENTURYLINK COMMUNICATIONS)
COMPANY, LLC AND NEW HORIZONS)
COMMUNICATIONS CORP.)**

**ORDER APPROVING
AGREEMENT

TC16-056**

On September 19, 2016, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252 for approval of the Wireline Interconnection Agreement between CenturyLink Communications Company, LLC and New Horizons Communications Corp.

On September 22, 2016, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing of the agreement to interested individuals and entities. The notice stated that any person wishing to comment on the parties' request for approval had until October 11, 2016, to do so. No comments were filed.

At its October 11, 2016, meeting, the Commission considered whether to approve the negotiated agreement between CenturyLink Communications Company, LLC and New Horizons Communications Corp. 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 agreement does not discriminate against a telecommunications carrier that is not a party to the agreement and the agreement is consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity. The Commission unanimously voted to approve the agreement. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Commission approves the Wireline Interconnection Agreement between CenturyLink Communications Company, LLC and New Horizons Communications Corp.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 12th day of October, 2016.

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 or by mail.
By: <u>Adam DeHueck</u>
Date: <u>10/12/16</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Chairman

Kristie Eiegen
KRISTIE EIEGEN, Commissioner

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Commissioner