

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION FOR A)
DECLARATORY RULING BY DEPARTMENT OF)
PUBLIC SAFETY/911 COORDINATION BOARD)
REGARDING DETERMINING RESPONSIBILITY)
FOR RURAL CARRIER INTERCONNECTION TO)
THE NEXT GENERATION 9-1-1 SYSTEM)**

**ORDER GRANTING
INTERVENTION**

TC17-063

On October 27, 2017, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a Petition for a Declaratory Ruling from the South Dakota Department of Public Safety, 911 Coordination Board, to resolve the following issue: Whether it is NextGen Communications, Inc. (NextGen) or the rural carriers comprising South Dakota Telecommunications Association (SDTA) that has the responsibility to transport 911 traffic between the rural carriers' service areas and NextGen's centralized points of interconnection.

On, November 2, 2017, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline November 17, 2017, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. On October 30, 2017, NextGen and SDTA each filed petitions to intervene in the docket.

The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26 and 49-31 and ARSD 20:10:01:15.05 and 20:10:01:34.

At its November 7, 2017, meeting, the Commission considered the petitions to intervene. No party objected to the interventions. The Commission found that the petitions to intervene demonstrated good cause to grant intervention and voted unanimously to grant intervention to SDTA and NextGen. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Petition to Intervene of SDTA is hereby granted. It is further

ORDERED, that the Petition to Intervene of NextGen is hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 15th day of November, 2017.

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>Karon E. Cremer</u>
Date: <u>11/15/17</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Kristie Fiegen
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Chairperson

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Commissioner

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner