

**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 a petition to intervene. On November 9, 2017, South Dakota Network, LLC (SDN) filed a petition to intervene. On November 15, 2017, the Commission issued an Order Granting Intervention to NextGen and SDTA.

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 regularly scheduled meeting on November 21, 2017, the Commission considered SDN's petition to intervene. No party objected to the intervention. The Commission found that the petition to intervene demonstrated good cause to grant intervention and voted unanimously to grant intervention to SDN. It is therefore

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

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 27<sup>th</sup> 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>Karen E. Bremer</u>
Date:	<u>11/27/17</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)	

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Kristie Fiegen  
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Chairperson

Gary Hanson  
GARY HANSON, Commissioner

Chris Nelson  
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner