

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY NORTHERN)
VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS, LLC FOR APPROVAL)
OF REVISIONS TO ITS ACCESS SERVICE TARIFF)
NO. 1)

**ORDER GRANTING
INTERVENTION**

TC19-052

On December 27, 2019, the Commission received a filing from Northern Valley Communications, LLC (Northern Valley) requesting approval of revisions to its switched access services Tariff No. 1 in response to the Federal Communications Commission's Order regarding Updating the Intercarrier Compensation Regime to Eliminate Access Arbitrage.

On January 2, 2020, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of January 17, 2020, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filing electronic listserv. On January 17, 2020, Sprint Communications Company L.P. (Sprint) and AT&T Corp (AT&T). filed petitions to intervene. Pursuant to SDCL 49-31-12.4(2), the Commission may suspend the proposed tariff changes for 120 days beyond the proposed effective date.

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

At its regularly scheduled meeting on February 3, 2020, the Commission considered this matter. Northern Valley and Commission staff stated they did not object to the interventions. The Commission found that the Petitions to Intervene demonstrated good cause to grant intervention and voted unanimously to grant intervention to Sprint and AT&T. The Commission also voted to adopt the Parties' Joint Statement filed on January 31, 2020, thereby deferring the question of suspension of the tariff to a later meeting. It is therefore

ORDERED, that intervention is hereby granted to Sprint and AT&T. It is further

ORDERED, that the Joint Statement filed on January 31, 2020 is adopted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 4th day of February 2020.

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: Karen E. Bremer

Date: 02/04/20

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Chairman

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner

Kristie Fiegen
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner