

**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 APPROVING
SETTLEMENT STIPULATION TO
STAY PROCEEDINGS**

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 (FCC) 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 and a request pursuant to SDCL 49-31-12.4(2), to suspend the proposed tariff changes for 120 days beyond the proposed effective date.

On February 3, 2020, the Commission granted intervention to Sprint and AT&T and adopted the Parties' Joint Statement filed on January 31, 2020, thereby deferring the question of suspension of the tariff to a later meeting.

On February 12, 2020, Northern Valley filed Opposition to AT&T's and Sprint's Petitions to Suspend Tariff. AT&T and Sprint responded on February 24, 2020.

Northern Valley, AT&T, Sprint, and Commission staff jointly filed Parties' Agreement to Stay Proceedings on March 9, 2020.

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

ORDERED, that Joint Stipulation is hereby accepted in its entirety. It is further

ORDERED, that the proceeding is stayed pending a final determination by the FCC.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 9th day of March 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: Adam de Hneck

Date: 3/9/20

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Chairman

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner

Kristie Fiegen
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner