

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF )  
NEXTGEN COMMUNICATIONS, INC. FOR A )  
CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE )  
LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICES AND )  
INTEREXCHANGE LONG DISTANCE SERVICES )  
IN SOUTH DAKOTA )

**ORDER GRANTING  
INTERVENTION**

**TC15-062**

On August 17, 2015, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an application from NextGen Communications, Inc. (NextGen) for an application for a Certificate of Authority to provide local exchange services and interexchange long distance services throughout South Dakota. Specifically, NextGen seeks to provide VPC and MPC services that involve the aggregation and transport of emergency local, VoIP, telemetric, PBX, and mobile E9-1-1 traffic, the management and transmission of location and calling number data, and the provision of call routing management for the delivery of emergency calls to Public Service Answering Points (PSAPs) throughout South Dakota.

On August 20, 2015, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of September 4, 2015, to interested individuals and entities. On September 1, 2015, the South Dakota Telecommunications Association (SDTA) filed a Petition to Intervene.

At its September 15, 2015, meeting, the Commission considered this matter. The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26 and 49-31 and ARSD 20:10:01:15.05. NextGen stated it did not object to SDTA's intervention. The Commission found that the Petition demonstrated good cause to grant intervention and voted unanimously to grant intervention to SDTA. It is therefore

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

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2015.

<b>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</b>
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>Rayne West</u>
Date: <u>9-18-15</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chris Nelson

CHRIS NELSON, Chairman

Kristie Fiegen

KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner

Gary Hanson

GARY HANSON, Commissioner