

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

IN RE:

DOCKET NO. TC09-031

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY
NORTHERN VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS,
LLC, FOR AN EXTENSION OF AN
EXEMPTION FROM DEVELOPING
COMPANY SPECIFIC COST-BASED
SWITCHED ACCESS RATES

QWEST COMMUNICATIONS
CORPORATION'S PETITION FOR LEAVE
TO INTERVENE

Qwest Communications Corporation n.k.a Qwest Communications Company, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("Qwest") by and through its undersigned counsel, and pursuant to SDCL 1-26-17.1 and ARSD 20:10:01:15.02, hereby files its Petition for Leave to Intervene in this docket. In support of its Petition for Leave to Intervene, Qwest states as follows:

1. Qwest is a Delaware limited liability company duly authorized to do business in South Dakota, with its general offices in Denver, Colorado. It is a telecommunications company as defined by SDCL 49-31-1(35) authorized by the Commission to provide telecommunications services within its certified service territory in South Dakota.

2. Qwest has in the past purchased, and will purchase switched access services from Northern Valley Communications, LLC ("Northern") in an amount which is substantial, and therefore has a direct and immediate pecuniary interest in the Commission's decision in this docket.

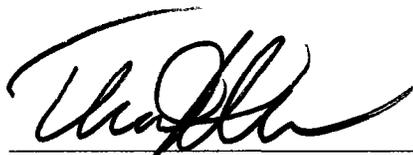
3. Qwest's position in this docket is to ensure that Northern's switched access rates are determined in accordance with the facts and applicable law, and to determine whether Northern's requested extension of waiver is just, reasonable, and in the public interest..

4. Qwest will be represented in this proceeding by counsel listed below.

5. Qwest acknowledges that the deadline to submit a petition for intervention was June 8, but respectfully states that the request for intervention at this time is not prejudicial to any party.

WHEREFORE, Qwest respectfully requests that its Petition for Leave to Intervene be granted.

Dated this 17th day of June, 2009.



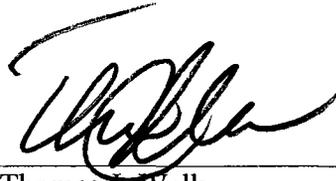
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Thomas J. Welk, hereby certify that I am a member of the law firm of Boyce, Greenfield, Pashby & Welk, L.L.P. and that on the 17th day of June, 2009, I electronically filed *Qwest Communications Corporation's Petition for Leave to Intervene* and emailed a true and correct copy of the foregoing to the following persons:

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