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TAKEN FROM THE PAPER, IN WHICH IT WAS LAST PUBLISHED IN THE NEWSPAPER ON THE 31st DAY OF July 2014 THAT THE FULL AMOUNT OF THE FEE CHARGED FOR THE PUBLICATION OF SAID NOTICE TO WIT \$105.00 ENSURES TO THE BENEFITS OF THE PUBLISHER OF SAID NEWSPAPER AND THAT NO AGREEMENT AND UNDERSTANDING FOR THE DIVISION THEREOF HAS BEEN MADE WITH ANY OTHER PERSON, AND THAT NO PART THEREOF HAS BEEN AGREED TO BE PAID TO ANY PERSON WHOMSOEVER.

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NOTICE BY THE SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE PROPOSED SALE OF TELEPHONE EXCHANGES

On July 15, 2014, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission received a joint application to acquire local telephone exchanges from Kite Parent Company of WideOpenWest Finance, LLC ("WOW!"), on Black Hills, LLC; Knology of the Plains, Inc.; Knology of South Dakota, Inc.; and Black Hills Telephone (collectively referred to as "WOW! South Dakota") Telecom, LLC ("Clarity"). WOW! South Dakota will sell its local telephone exchanges to Clarity. The proposed sale affects a number of local telephone exchanges and includes the following communities: Alsen, Belle Fourche, Central City, Colman, Davis, Deadwood, Elk Point, Flandreau, Flynn, Harrisburg, Hurley, Irene, Lead, Lennox, Madison, Mount Rushmore, Onge, Sturgis, Summerset, Tea, Vermillion, Viborg, Watertown, Whitewood, Worthing, and Yankton. The sale is in the public interest for the following reasons: 1) while under the previous two owners many operations were completed out of state, Clarity's focus will be solely on the operation and expansion of the networks located in South Dakota, Minnesota, and Iowa; 2) Clarity plans to upgrade the network infrastructure; 3) there will be no change in rates for local services offered in the telephone exchanges resulting from the sale; 4) Clarity will continue to provide enhanced 911 services; 5) there will be no reduction in tax revenues to the state of South Dakota; 6) Clarity is committed to providing modern state-of-the-art telephone communications services; and 7) and there will be no discontinuance, reduction, or impairment of any of the services presently offered.

The public is invited to participate by providing written comments to the Commission within 15 days of publication of this notice. Any member of the public may petition for intervention as a formal party in the proceeding by following the procedure set forth in AR 20:10:01:15.02, which is available at <http://legis.sd.gov/rules/playRule.aspx?Rule=20:10:01:15.02> or which may be obtained by contacting the Commission. Petitions for intervention must be received by the Commission within 15 days of publication of this notice. If sufficient public interest is demonstrated or if requested by a party, the Commission may schedule a public hearing on the application. The Commission shall issue a final decision on the application in accordance with SDCL 49-31-59.

The public may offer comments or obtain copies of the application and other non-confidential filings in the case by contacting the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission, 500 E. Capitol Avenue, Pierre, SD 57501; phone 1-800-332-1782 or (605) 773-3201; fax 1-866-757-6031; e-mail: puc@state.sd.us. The application is also available on the Commission's website at: <http://puc.sd.gov/Dockets/Telecom/2014/TC14-073.aspx>.
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