

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY RCC) MINNESOTA, INC. AND WIRELESS ALLIANCE,) L.L.C. D/B/A UNICEL FOR DESIGNATION AS) AN ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS) CARRIER)	ORDER GRANTING REQUEST TO FILE SURREBUTTAL TESTIMONY TC03-193
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On November 18, 2003, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a petition (Petition) from RCC Minnesota, Inc. and Wireless Alliance, L.L.C. d/b/a Unicel (RCC) requesting designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) for service areas in northeastern and southeastern South Dakota. The service areas proposed by RCC for designation encompass all or portions of ten non-rural Qwest wire centers, as set forth on Exhibit B to the Petition, and all or portions of certain rural telephone companies' study areas, as set forth on Exhibits C and D to the Petition. On November 20, 2003, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of December 5, 2003, to interested individuals and entities. On December 16, 2003, the Commission granted intervention to James Valley Cooperative Telephone Company, Union Telephone Company, Stockholm-Strandburg Telephone Company, Venture Communications Cooperative, Interstate Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc., Sioux Valley Telephone Company, PrairieWave Community Telephone, Inc., South Dakota Telecommunications Association, Roberts County Telephone Cooperative Association, RC Communications, Inc., and Alliance Communications Cooperative, Inc.

On August 25, 2004, RCC filed a request for opportunity to file surrebuttal testimony, requesting a filing deadline of September 14, 2004.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26 and 49-31, including 1-26-18, 1-26-19, 49-31-3, 49-31-7, 49-31-7.1, 49-31-11, 49-31-78, 49-31-81; ARSD 20:10:32:42 through 20:10:32:46, inclusive; and 47 U.S.C. § 214(e)(1) through (5).

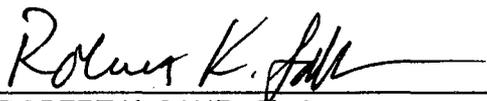
On August 31, 2004, at a regularly scheduled meeting, the Commission considered this matter. The Commission voted to grant RCC's request to file surrebuttal testimony, with a filing deadline of September 14, 2004. It is therefore

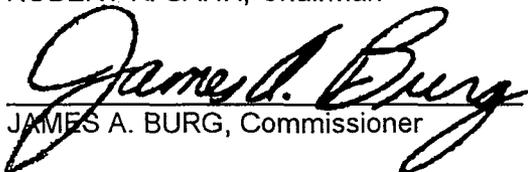
ORDERED, that RCC's request to file surrebuttal testimony shall be granted, with a filing deadline of September 14, 2004.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 7th day of September, 2004.

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, by facsimile or by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.	
By:	<i>Wendine Kalbo</i>
Date:	<i>9/7/04</i>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)	

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


ROBERT K. SAHR, Chairman


JAMES A. BURG, Commissioner