

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY) PRAIRIEWAVE TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.) FOR DESIGNATION AS AN ELIGIBLE) TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER)	ORDER GRANTING INTERVENTION TC05-016
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On January 24, 2005, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing by PrairieWave Telecommunications, Inc. (PrairieWave) petitioning for approval of it as an eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC).

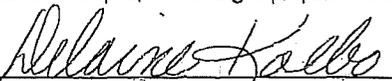
On January 27, 2005, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of February 11, 2005, to interested individuals and entities. On February 8, 2005, the Commission received a Petition to Intervene from South Dakota Telecommunications Association (SDTA). On February 11, 2005, the Commission received a Petition for Intervention and Initial Comments from Fort Randall Telephone Company (Fort Randall).

The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26 and 49-31.

At a regularly scheduled meeting of March 8, 2005, the Commission found that the Petitions to Intervene of SDTA and Fort Randall were timely filed and demonstrated good cause to grant intervention. It is therefore

ORDERED that the Petitions to intervene of SDTA and Fort Randall shall be granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 17th day of March, 2005.

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.	
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:



GARY HANSON, Chairman



ROBERT K. SAHR, Commissioner



DUSTIN M. JOHNSON, Commissioner
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