

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF)	ORDER APPROVING
BROOKINGS MUNICIPAL UTILITIES D/B/A)	PETITION TO PARTIALLY
SWIFTEL COMMUNICATIONS FOR)	RELINQUISH DESIGNATION
APPROVAL OF A PARTIAL RELINQUISHMENT)	AS AN ELIGIBLE
OF ITS DESIGNATION AS AN ELIGIBLE)	TELECOMMUNICATIONS
TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER)	CARRIER
)	TC08-103

On August 11, 2008, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a Petition to Partially Relinquish its Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) from Brookings Municipal Utilities d/b/a Swiftel Communications (Swiftel). Swiftel explained that it has provided the services required of a designated ETC through an agreement with Sprint. The agreement with Sprint will expire in March 2009. Swiftel stated that it "has agreed to assign to Crossroads Wireless, Inc. (Crossroads) a substantial portion of its FCC licenses, wireless system and related assets, since Crossroads desires to provide comparable wireless services following the expiration of the Sprint affiliation arrangement." Swiftel further stated that it will "maintain its wireless operations in portions of Brookings County, South Dakota, since this county includes Swiftel's certificated telephone service area and the immediately surrounding rural communities." Swiftel requests, therefore, to amend the scope of its ETC designation so as to exclude the areas it will no longer serve, which are described on the attached Exhibits A and B. On September 24, 2008, the Commission received a Supplement to Petition to Partially Relinquish its Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier from Swiftel.

On August 14, 2008, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of August 29, 2008, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-31, specifically SDCL 49-31-78.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on September 9, 2008, the Commission considered this matter. Swiftel requested that the relinquishment be effective when the transaction with Crossroads is completed. The Commission voted unanimously to approve the Petition to Partially Relinquish its Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier for the areas described on Exhibits A and B. It is therefore

ORDERED, that Swiftel's Petition to Partially Relinquish its Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier for the areas described on Exhibits A and B is hereby approved, effective when the transaction with Crossroads is completed.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 3rd day of October, 2008.

<p style="text-align: center;">CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</p> <p>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.</p> <p>By: <u><i>Aelsine Kolbo</i></u></p> <p>Date: <u>10/3/08</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(OFFICIAL SEAL)</p>
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Chairman

Steve Kolbeck
STEVE KOLBECK, Commissioner

Dustin M. Johnson
DUSTIN M. JOHNSON, Commissioner

EXHIBIT A

Non-Rural Qwest Wireline Centers for which Swifitel Proposes to Relinquish ETC Status

Wireline Center / CLLI Code	Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier	Competing Local Exchange Carrier
Colman - CLMNSDCO	Qwest ¹	VCI Company ² Western Wireless, LLC ³
Canton - CNTNSDCO	Qwest	VCI Company Western Wireless, LLC Midcontinent Communications ⁴
Elk Point - ELPNSDCO	Qwest	VCI Company Western Wireless, LLC
Flandreau - FLNDSDCO	Qwest	VCI Company Western Wireless, LLC
Harrisburg - HRBGSDCO	Qwest	VCI Company Western Wireless, LLC Midcontinent Communications
Madison - MDSNSDCE	Qwest	VCI Company Western Wireless, LLC Midcontinent Communications
Ortonville - ORVLMNOR	Qwest	VCI Company Western Wireless, LLC Midcontinent Communications
Milbank - MLBNSDCO	Qwest	VCI Company Western Wireless, LLC Midcontinent Communications
North Sioux City - SXCZIADT	Qwest	VCI Company Western Wireless, LLC
Sioux Falls - SXFLSDCO	Qwest	VCI Company Western Wireless, LLC Midcontinent Communications
Tea – TEA SDCO	Qwest	VCI Company Western Wireless, LLC Midcontinent Communications
Vermillion - VRMLSDCO	Qwest	VCI Company Western Wireless, LLC
Watertown - WTTWSDCO	Qwest	VCI Company Western Wireless, LLC Midcontinent Communications
Yankton - YNTNSDCO	Qwest	VCI Company Western Wireless, LLC

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¹ *In the Matter of the Filing by U S West Communications, Inc. for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier, Findings, Conclusions of Law, Order and Entry of Notice of Order, TC97-163 (designating US West, now Qwest, as an ETC in all areas except North Sioux City and Ortonville).*

² *In the Matter of the Filing by VCI Company for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier, Order Granting Eligible Telecommunications Designation, TC04-225.*

³ *In the Matter of the Filing by GCC License Corporation for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier, Order Designation GCC License Corporation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier in Non-Rural Telephone Company Exchanges, TC98-146.*

⁴ *In the Matter of the Filing by Midcontinent Communications for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier, Order Granting Eligible Telecommunications Designation, TC04-003.*

EXHIBIT B

Rural Service Areas for which Swiftel Proposes to Relinquish ETC Status

Service Area / CLLI Code	Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier	Competitive Local Exchange Carrier
Brandon – BRNDSDXA582 Garretson – GRSNSDXA59	Alliance Comm. Cooperative, Inc. (Splitrock) ¹	Wireless Alliance, LLC ² Western Wireless LLC ³
Alcester – ALCSSDXADS0 Baltic – BLTCSDXADS0 Crooks – CRKSSDXADS0 Hudson – HDSNSDXADS0	Alliance Comm. Cooperative, Inc. (Baltic) ⁴	Wireless Alliance, LLC Western Wireless LLC
Beresford – BRFRSDXADS1	Beresford Municipal Telephone Co. ⁵	Western Wireless LLC
Jefferson – JFSNSDXADS1	Jefferson Telephone Company ⁶	Western Wireless LLC
Reville – RVLLSDXARS1 South Shore – SSHRSDXARS7 Stockholm – STKHSDXADS0	Stockholm-Strandburg Telephone Co. ⁷	RCC Minnesota, Inc. ⁸ Western Wireless LLC
Hartford – HRFRSDXADS1 Wall Lake – HRFRSDXSDS2	Union Telephone Company ⁹	Wireless Alliance, LLC Western Wireless LLC
Irene – IRENSDXARS1 Worthing – LNNXSDXARS1 Parker – PRKRSDXARS1 Hurley/Alsen/Flyger - VBRGSDAADS0 Wakonda -- WKNDSDXARS1 Rural Beresford – LNNXSDXARS1	PrairieWave Community Telephone, Inc ¹⁰	Wireless Alliance, LLC Western Wireless LLC
Colton – COTNSDXARS1 Dell Rapids – DLRPSDXADS0 Humboldt – HMBLSDXADS1	Sioux Valley Telephone Co. ¹¹	Wireless Alliance, LLC Western Wireless LLC
W. Jasper – NO CLLI KNOWN	Citizens Telecom Co. (MN) ¹²	
West Marietta – MRTTMNXMRS6	Farmers Mutual Tel. Co. ¹³	
Centerville – CNVLSDXARS1 Viborg – VBRGSDXARS1	Fort Randall Telephone Co. ¹⁴	Western Wireless LLC
Tabor – TABRSDXARS1 Tyndall – TYNSDXARS1	Fort Randall Telephone Co.	Western Wireless LLC
West Akron – AKRNIAAERS5 West Hawarden – HWRDIAAERS5	Heartland Telecom Company of Iowa ¹⁵	
Astoria – ASTRSDXARS1 Bradley – BRDLSDXARS1 Brandt – BRNTSDXARS2 Bryant – BRYNSD01RS0 Castlewood – CSWSDXARS1 Clark – CLRKSDXADS0 Clear Lake – CLLKSDXA874 Estelline – ESTLSDXA873 Florence – FLRNSDXARS1 Gary – GARYSDXA27A Goodwin – GDWNSDXARS4 Hayti – HAYTSDXARS1 Lake Norden – LKNRSD01RS0 Toronto – TOROSDXARS5 Willow Lake – WLLKSDXARS6	Interstate Telecom Cooperative, Inc. (SD)	RCC Minnesota, Inc. Western Wireless LLC

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Chester – CHESDXARS1* Nunda – NUNSDXARS2 Wentworth – WNWOSDXARS4 Elkton – EKTNSDXARS3 White - WHTESDXE	Interstate Telecom Cooperative, Inc. (SD)	Western Wireless LLC
N. Larchwood – LRWDIAXO474 Valley Springs – VYSPSDXA757	Hills Telephone Company ¹⁶	Western Wireless LLC
West Hendricks – HNDRMNXHRS2	Interstate Telecom Cooperative, Inc. (SD)	Western Wireless LLC

*** This service area was redefined by the Commission as part of Swiftel's ETC designation order to include the following wire centers: Brookings-Rural, Chester, Elkton, Nunda, Sinai, Wentworth, and White. Swiftel proposes to relinquish ETC status in this service area in only those wire centers listed above. Swiftel would maintain ETC status in the wire centers of Brookings-Rural and Sinai, which were grouped into this service area.**

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Rural Service Areas for which Swiftel Proposes to Relinquish ETC Status

¹ *In the Matter of the Filing by Splitrock Properties, Inc. for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier*, Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Order, and Notice of Entry of Order, TC97-101.

² *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*, Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Order, and Notice of Entry of Order, TC03-193.

³ *In the Matter of the Filing by GCC License Corporation for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier*, Order Designating Western Wireless as an ETC for Areas Served by Certain Rural Telephone Companies, TC98-146 and *In the Matter of the Filing by WWC License LLC, d/b/a CellularOne for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier*, Order Approving ETC Order, TC03-191.

⁴ *In the Matter of the Filing by Baltic Telecom Cooperative for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier*, Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Order, and Notice of Entry of Order, TC97-087.

⁵ *In the Matter of the Filing by Beresford Municipal Telephone Co. for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier*, Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Order, and Notice of Entry of Order, TC97-098.

⁶ *In the Matter of the Filing by Jefferson Telephone Co., Inc. for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier*, Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Order, and Notice of Entry of Order, TC97-093.

⁷ *In the Matter of the Filing by Stockholm-Strandburg Telephone Company for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier*, Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Order, and Notice of Entry of Order, TC97-090.

⁸ *See supra, fn. 2.*

⁹ *In the Matter of the Filing by Union Telephone Company for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier*, Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Order, and Notice of Entry of Order, TC97-115.

¹⁰ *In the Matter of the Petition of Dakota Community Telephone, Inc. and McLeod USA Telecom Development, Inc. for Approval of the Transfer of their Stock to PrairieWave Communications, Inc.* Final Decision and Order Approving Transfer of Stock and Telephone Exchanges; Notice of Entry of Order, TC02-062; *In the Matter of the Request of PrairieWave Community Telephone, Inc. for Certification Regarding its Use of Universal Service Support*, Order Granting Certification, TC07-063.

¹¹ *In the Matter of the Filing by Sioux Valley Telephone Company for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier*, Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Order, and Notice of Entry of Order, TC97-073.

¹² *In the Matter of the Filing by Citizens Telecommunications Company of Minnesota, LLC for a Waiver of ARSD § 20:10:32:56*, Order Granting Waiver and Certification, TC07-086.

¹³ *In the Matter of the Filing by Farmers Mutual Telephone Company for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier*, Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Order, and Notice of Entry of Order, TC97-183.

¹⁴ *In the Matter of the Filing by Fort Randall Telephone Company for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier*, Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Order, and Notice of Entry of Order, TC97-075.

¹⁵ *In the Matter of the Filing by Heartland Telecommunications Company of Iowa d/b/a Hickory Tech Corporation for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier*, Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Order, and Notice of Entry of Order, TC97-195.

¹⁶ *In the Matter of the Filing by Hills Telephone Company, Inc. for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier*, Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Order, and Notice of Entry of Order, TC04-204.