

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY SOUTH
DAKOTA NETWORK, LLC FOR APPROVAL
FOR WAIVER OF SWITCHED ACCESS COST
STUDY**)
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**ORDER GRANTING
INTERVENTIONS**

TC11-069

On June 7, 2011, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an application from South Dakota Network, LLC (SDN) for waiver of the requirement to file a switched access cost study as required by Commission rule ARSD 20:10:27:07. SDN requests the waiver of the cost study requirement because of the costs and resources involved in producing a study and indicated that a preliminary analysis indicates that a cost study would support higher rates. On June 9, 2011, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of June 24, 2011, to interested individuals and entities. On June 24, 2011, the Commission received Petitions to Intervene by Sprint Communications Company LP (Sprint), AT&T Communications of the Midwest, Inc.(AT&T), and MCI Communication Services Inc. d/b/a Verizon Business Services (MCI).

The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26 and 49-31 and ARSD 20:10:01:15.05.

At its regularly scheduled meeting of July 12, 2011, the Commission found that the Petitions to Intervene of Sprint, AT&T, and MCI demonstrated good cause to grant intervention and voted unanimously to grant interventions to Sprint, AT&T, and MCI. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Petitions to Intervene of Sprint, AT&T, and MCI are hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 21st day of July, 2011.

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: <u><i>Genis Ardahl</i></u>
Date: <u>7.21.11</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Chairman

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Vice Chairman