

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING FOR)	ORDER APPROVING
APPROVAL OF A RECIPROCAL)	AGREEMENT
INTERCONNECTION, TRANSPORT AND)	
TERMINATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN)	TC04-147
GOLDEN WEST TELECOMMUNICATIONS)	
COOPERATIVE, INC. AND VERIZON)	
WIRELESS (VAW) LLC D/B/A VERIZON)	
WIRELESS, COMMNET CELLULAR LICENSE)	
HOLDING LLC D/B/A VERIZON WIRELESS,)	
SANBORN CELLULAR, INC. D/B/A VERIZON)	
WIRELESS AND EASTERN SOUTH DAKOTA)	
CELLULAR, INC. D/B/A VERIZON WIRELESS)	

On August 3, 2004, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing for approval of a reciprocal interconnection, transport and termination agreement between Golden West Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc. (Golden West) and Verizon Wireless (VAW) LLC d/b/a Verizon Wireless, CommNet Cellular License Holding LLC d/b/a Verizon Wireless, Sanborn Cellular, Inc. d/b/a Verizon Wireless and Eastern South Dakota Cellular, Inc. d/b/a Verizon Wireless (Verizon).

On August 5, 2004, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of this filing to interested individuals and entities. The notice stated that any person wishing to comment on the parties' request for approval had until August 23, 2004, to do so. No comments were filed.

At its duly noticed September 14, 2004, meeting, the Commission considered whether to approve the agreement between Golden West and Verizon. Commission Staff recommended approval.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-31, and the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996. In accordance with 47 U.S.C. § 252(e)(2), the Commission found that the agreement does not discriminate against a telecommunications carrier that is not a party to the agreement and the agreement is consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity. The Commission unanimously voted to approve the agreement. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Commission approves the agreement.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 22nd 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: _____

Date: _____

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

ROBERT K. SAHR, Chairman

GARY HANSON, Commissioner

JAMES A. BURG, Commissioner