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March 4, 2005

The Honorable Charles B. Kornmann  
United States District Judge  
U. S. Courthouse  
102 Fourth Ave. SE, #408  
Aberdeen, South Dakota 57401

Re: Verizon Wireless vs. PUC  
Civil Number 04-3014  
Our File Number 04-181

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Dear Judge Kornmann:

This letter is written on behalf of the attorneys involved in the above referenced case, and to inform you of the status of the case. This action was started in August of 2004. On January 12, 2005, you entered an Order granting intervention by South Dakota Telecommunications Association (SDTA) and Venture Communications Cooperative. Since that time, no other documents have been filed and no additional discovery has been completed.

The parties have been in the process of developing a set of Stipulated Facts that may be used in this matter to expedite the process. On March 1, 2005, the parties conferred telephonically to further discuss these Stipulated Facts, preliminary discovery in this matter, and the necessity of a Rule 26(f) meeting.

Although we have been unable to agree to a set of Stipulated Facts, we are optimistic that we will be able to enter into an agreement. We are requesting additional time to work on a set of Stipulated Facts before a Rule 26(f) meeting is required. We will continue to work on the Stipulation of Facts until we have further direction from the Court.

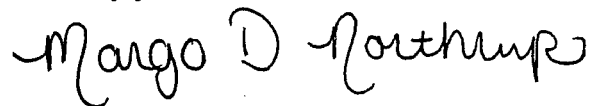
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If you have any additional questions, the parties would be willing to schedule a short hearing at your direction.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Margo D Northrup". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped "M" and "N".

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