

4. The Arbitration Proceedings, pursuant to a motion filed by the Golden West Companies were consolidated by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission on June 5, 2006.

5. On June 9, 2006, the PUC entered its further Order Setting Procedural Schedule; Order for and Notice of Hearing.

6. On June 16, 2006, WWC, pursuant to SDCL § 1-26-18.3, filed a Request with the PUC seeking to have the above-captioned matters directed to the Office of Hearing Examiners.

7. On June 30, 2006, the Golden West Companies submitted its Brief in Opposition to Request of WWC License, LLC to Use the Office of Hearing Examiners.

8. Oral Argument was held before the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission on July 11, 2006, at which time the Commission granted the Request of WWC, and by written Order dated July 14, 2006, transferred the Arbitration Proceedings to the Office of Hearing Examiners.

9. The parties received the July 14, 2006 Order via United States Mail on July 17, 2006.

10. By correspondence dated July 20, 2006, the Public Utilities Commission transferred the file pertaining to the above-captioned matters to the Office of Hearing Examiners.

11. The parties were notified on July 25, 2006, that a hearing examiner had been assigned to the file and that they were invited to participate in a prehearing conference call in early August prior to the commencement of any arbitration proceedings.

12. The following are submitted in support of Plaintiff's Application for Stay from the July 11 Order of the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission as memorialized in its July 14 written order which was received by counsel for the Petitioners on July 17, 2006:

- A. Exhibit A is a true and correct copy of the Order of the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission dated July 14, 2006;
- B. Exhibit B is a true and correct copy of the Order Setting Procedural Schedule; Order for and Notice of Hearing issued by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission on June 9, 2006.
- C. Exhibit C is a true and correct copy of the Request of WWC License, L.L.C. to transfer the above-captioned matters to the Office of Hearing Examiners, which Request is dated June 16, 2006.
- D. Exhibit D is a true and correct copy of the correspondence from the Public Utilities Commission dated July 20, 2006, transferring the file pertaining to the above-captioned matters to the Office of Hearing Examiners.
- E. Exhibit E is a true and correct copy of two items of correspondence from the Office of Hearing Examiners dated July 24 and 25, 2006, respectively, inviting the parties to participate in a prehearing conference call in August 2006.
- F. Exhibit F is a true and correct copy of Application For Reconsideration Of The July 11, 2006 Decision of the Public Utilities Commission Granting the Request of WWC License, L.L.C. To Use The Office Of Hearing Examiners.

Further your affiant sayeth not.

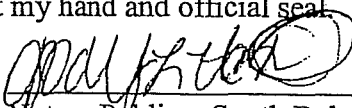
Dated this 28th day of July, 2006.


 Meredith A. Moore

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA)
 : ss
 COUNTY OF MINNEHAHA)

On this, the 28th day of July, 2006, before me, the undersigned officer, personally appeared Meredith A. Moore, known to me or satisfactorily proven to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument, and acknowledged that she executed the same for the purposes therein contained.

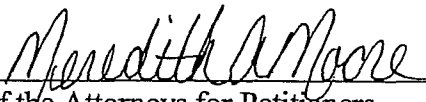
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and official seal


 Notary Public – South Dakota
 My Commission Expires 12/20/07
 JODY L. HARRELL
 NOTARY PUBLIC, SOUTH DAKOTA
 My Commission Expires
 December 20, 2007



CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

On this 28th day of July, 2006, a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served upon Talbot Wieczorek, of Gunderson, Palmer, Goodsell & Nelson, LLP, 440 Rushmore Road, Rapid City, SD 57701, Stephen B. Rowell, Mailstop 1269 B5-F11-C, One Allied Drive, Little Rock, AR 72202, legal counsel for WWC License L.L.C., Leo Disburg, Chief Hearing Examiner, Office of Hearing Examiners, 210 East 4th Avenue, Pierre, SD 57501, Rolayne Wiest of the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission at 500 East Capitol Avenue, 1st Floor, Pierre, South Dakota 57501, and to Sara Greff of the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission at 500 East Capitol Avenue, 1st Floor, Pierre, South Dakota 57501, by regular United States mail, first class postage prepaid.



One of the Attorneys for Petitioners

EXHIBIT A

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITIONS OF) ARMOUR INDEPENDENT TELEPHONE) COMPANY, BRIDGEWATER-CANISTOTA) INDEPENDENT TELEPHONE COMPANY,) GOLDEN WEST TELECOMMUNICATIONS) COOPERATIVE, INC., KADOKA TELEPHONE) COMPANY, SIOUX VALLEY TELEPHONE) COMPANY, UNION TELEPHONE COMPANY) AND VIVIAN TELEPHONE COMPANY FOR) ARBITRATION PURSUANT TO THE) TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996 TO) RESOLVE ISSUES RELATING TO) INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENTS WITH) WWC LICENSE L.L.C.)	ORDER GRANTING INTERVENTION; ORDER GRANTING REQUEST TO USE THE OFFICE OF HEARING EXAMINERS TC06-036 TC06-037 TC06-038 TC06-039 TC06-040 TC06-041 TC06-042
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On May 3, 2006, Armour Independent Telephone Company, Bridgewater-Canistota Independent Telephone Company, Golden West Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc., Kadoka Telephone Company, Sioux Valley Telephone Company, Union Telephone Company and Vivian Telephone Company (Companies) filed petitions for arbitration of certain unresolved terms and conditions of proposed *Interconnection Agreements* between Companies and WWC License L.L.C. (WWC), pursuant to Section 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, SDCL 49-31-81, and ARSD 20:10:32:29. Companies filed a list of unresolved issues consisting of: (1) Is the reciprocal compensation rate for Local Traffic proposed by Companies appropriate pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 252(d)(2)? (2) What is the appropriate Percent InterLATA Use factor to be applied to non-local traffic exchanged between the parties? (3) What is the appropriate manner by which the minutes of use of Local Traffic terminated by the parties, one to the other, should be calculated and billed? Companies "respectfully request that the Commission grant the following relief: A. Order arbitration of any unresolved issues between [Companies] and WWC; B. Issue an order directing [Companies] and WWC to submit to the Commission for approval an interconnection agreement reflecting: (i) the agreed-upon language in Exhibit A and (ii) the resolution in this arbitration proceeding of any unresolved issues in accordance with the recommendations made by [Companies] herein, at the hearing on such issues and in Exhibit A; C. Order the parties to pay interim compensation for transport and termination of telecommunications traffic from January 1, 2006 (the Effective Date set forth in Exhibit A) to the date on which the Commission approves the parties' executed interconnection agreement in accordance with Section 252(e) of the Act [footnote omitted]; D. Retain jurisdiction of this arbitration until the parties have submitted an executed interconnection agreement for approval by the Commission in accordance with Section 252(e) of the Act; and E. Take such other and further action as it deems necessary and appropriate." In accordance with ARSD 20:10:32:30, a non-petitioning party may respond

to the petition for arbitration and provide additional information within 25 days after the Commission receives the petition. On May 15, 2006, the Commission received Motions for Consolidation from Companies. On May 30, 2006, the Commission received a Response of WWC to Petitions of Arbitration of the Golden West Companies.

By order dated June 5, 2006, the Commission granted the Motions for Consolidation and assessed a deposit on the parties not to exceed \$75,000.00, pursuant to SDCL 49-31-44. On June 5, 2006, the Commission received a petition to intervene from the South Dakota Telecommunications Association (SDTA). By order dated June 9, 2005, the Commission set a procedural schedule and hearing date that were agreed to by the parties. On June 16, 2006, the Commission received a Motion Seeking Order Requiring Payment of Interim Compensation from the Companies. On June 16, 2006, the Commission received a Request to Use Office of Hearing Examiners from WWC. On June 19, 2006, the Commission received a letter signed by WWC and the Companies in which the parties extended the nine month deadline by agreeing that the nine month period as set forth in 47 U.S.C. section 252(b)(4)(C) will expire on December 31, 2006. On June 30, 2006, the Commission received the Companies' Brief in Opposition to the Request of WWC License LLC to Use the Office of Hearing Examiners (OHE). On July 3, 2006, the Commission received comments from SDTA also opposing the request to use OHE. On July 5, 2006, the Commission received a letter from WWC regarding SDTA's Petition to Intervene. On July 7, 2006, the Commission received a response from WWC regarding the opposition of the Companies and SDTA to the use of OHE. On July 10, 2006, the Commission received a response from WWC to the Companies' Motion Seeking Order Requiring Payment of Interim Compensation.

The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26 and 49-31, including 49-31-3 and 49-31- 81, and 47 U.S.C. sections 251 and 252. The Commission may rely upon any or all of these or other laws of this state in making its determination.

At its July 11, 2006, meeting, the Commission considered this matter. In its letter dated July 5, 2006, WWC stated that it would not object to the intervention of SDTA, subject to certain restrictions that had been agreed to by WWC and SDTA. The restrictions are that SDTA will not participate in any prehearing discovery, will call no witnesses at the hearing, will not cross-examine any witnesses called by the Companies, and SDTA's cross-examination of any WWC witnesses will not be redundant of the Companies' counsel's examination. In addition, if requested by the Companies, SDTA would be allowed to direct a witness of the Companies with the understanding that the Companies' counsel would not then direct that witness. SDTA would be able to be present at all hearings and motions and have the right to argue and brief procedural and substantive matters, including final briefing. With these restrictions, the Commission voted to grant intervention to SDTA.

Regarding the issue of the use of the OHE, the Commission listened to oral arguments of the parties. The Commission voted to grant WWC's request to use the OHE.

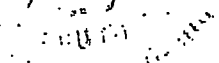
The Commission finds that SDCL 1-26-18.3, in conjunction with SDCL Chapter 1-26D, gives WWC the right to use the OHE. The Commission shall transfer these dockets to the OHE. Pursuant to SDCL 1-26D-6, after the OHE issues its proposed decision, the Commission shall accept, reject, or modify the findings, conclusions, and decision.

It is therefore

ORDERED, that SDTA's Petition to Intervene is granted, subject to the restrictions as agreed to by SDTA and WWC; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that WWC's request to use the OHE is granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 14th day of July, 2006.

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>Delaine Krebs</i></u>
Date:	<u>7/14/06</u>
 (OFFICIAL SEAL)	

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Robert K. Sahr
ROBERT K. SAHR, Chairman

Bustin M. Johnson
BUSTIN M. JOHNSON, Commissioner

EXHIBIT B

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Consolidation from Companies. On May 30, 2006, the Commission received a Response of WWC to Petitions of Arbitration of the Golden West Companies.

By order dated June 5, 2006, the Commission granted the Motions for Consolidation and assessed a deposit on the parties not to exceed \$75,000.00, pursuant to SDCL 49-31-44. By conference call held on May 25, 2006, the parties agreed to the following procedural schedule:

With regard to all dates herein provided for the exchange of information between the parties or the filing of information with the Commission, all such exchanges or filings shall occur prior to 5:00 p.m. CST or CDT, as applicable;

On or before June 12, 2006, the first round of discovery requests shall be served by all parties and responses shall be due on or before June 30, 2006;

On or before July 10, 2006, the second round of discovery requests shall be served by all parties and responses shall be due on or before July 31, 2006;

Discovery requests and responses shall not be filed with the Commission unless necessary in connection with a motion to compel or if introduced as a hearing exhibit;

On or before August 11, 2006, all parties shall serve and file direct testimony, including exhibits;

On or before September 5, 2006, all parties shall serve and file rebuttal testimony, including exhibits;

No witness shall be allowed to testify at the hearing unless that witness has prefiled testimony pursuant to this procedural schedule with the exception of witnesses offering live testimony regarding issues first raised in rebuttal testimony. Such testimony shall not be duplicative of prefiled testimony. In the event that a party determines that it will present testimony in response to rebuttal testimony from one or more witnesses that have not prefiled testimony, the names and personal résumés of such witnesses, and a general description of the facts and testimony to be offered by such witnesses shall be provided to the other party and the Commission not later than September 11, 2006;

Exhibits offered through a Party's witness shall be attached to prefiled testimony. Any exhibit that may be used on cross-examination shall be disclosed to the other party on or before September 13, 2006 by 12:00 p.m. CDT, with a copy provided upon request;

Documents served or filed are served on the date they are received. All documents shall be served by email, in .pdf format, and service by email is effective when received. In addition to filing electronically, a filing party shall provide the Commission with one paper copy of each document filed;

The hearing shall be held on September 18-21, 2006, in Room 412 of the State Capitol Building, Pierre, South Dakota. The hearing will begin at 9:00 a.m. CDT on September 18th. Parties shall arrive to mark exhibits by 8:00 a.m.

The parties shall simultaneously serve and file post hearing briefs on or before October 30, 2006, along with proposed language for the disputed issues in the interconnection agreement. The parties shall simultaneously serve and file reply briefs on or before November 15, 2006.

The Commission shall issue its decision resolving the issues in the arbitration on or before December 31, 2006. The decision shall establish a procedure and schedule for filing a conformed arbitrated agreement for consideration by the Commission. The Commission's resolution of the issues presented in the arbitration shall not be according to "final offer" or "baseball" arbitration in which the Commission must accept the final offer of one or the other party, but rather shall be according to "traditional" arbitration in which the Commission may resolve issues presented as it determines to be proper consistent with the facts presented and applicable legal requirements.

The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26 and 49-31, including 49-31-3 and 49-31- 81, and 47 U.S.C. sections 251 and 252. The Commission may rely upon any or all of these or other laws of this state in making its determination.

This issues to be determined by the Commission are the issues set forth by the Companies in their Petitions for Arbitration and the issues as set forth by WWC in its Response to the Petitions for Arbitration. These issues are hereby incorporated by reference.

The hearing will be an adversary proceeding conducted pursuant to SDCL Chapter 1-26. All persons testifying will be subject to cross-examination by the parties. All parties have the right to be present and to be represented by an attorney. These rights and other due process rights may be forfeited if not exercised at the hearing. If a party or its representative fails to appear at the time and place set for the hearing, the Final Decision will be based solely on the testimony and evidence provided, if any, during the hearing or a Final Decision may be issued by default pursuant to SDCL 1-26-20. After the hearing, the Commission will consider all evidence and testimony that was presented at the hearing. The Commission will then enter Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and a Final Decision regarding this matter. As a result of the hearing, the Commission will resolve issues listed in the Companies' Petitions for Arbitration and WWC's Response to Petitions

for Arbitration and order any appropriate relief. The Commission's Final Decision may be appealed by the parties as provided by law. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the parties shall follow the procedural schedule as set forth above; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that a hearing shall be held at the time and place specified above.

Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, this hearing is being held in a physically accessible location. Please contact the Public Utilities Commission at 1-800-332-1782 at least 48 hours prior to the hearing if you have special needs so arrangements can be made to accommodate you.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 9th day of June, 2006.

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>Melvin Kiebs</i></u>
Date:	<u>6/9/06</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)	

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Robert K. Sahr
ROBERT K. SAHR, Chairman

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DUSTIN M. JOHNSON, Commissioner *dk*

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EXHIBIT C

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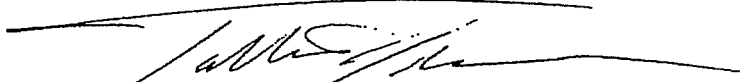


RE: Alltel Communications and its wholly owned subsidiary WWC License, LLC –
Arbitration consolidation
SDPUC Docket File Numbers TC 06-036 thru TC 06-042
GPGN File No. 5925.060285

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Enclosed for filing please find WWC's Request to Use Office of Hearing Examiners Pursuant to SDCL § 1-26-18.3. The original and ten copies will be sent via U.S. Mail today.

Sincerely,


Talbot J. Wiczorek

TJW:klw

c: Meredith Moore
Paul Schudel ✓
Rich Coit
Sara Greff
Clients

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the 16 day of June 2006, a true and correct copy of WWC's REQUEST TO USE OFFICE OF HEARING EXAMINERS PURSUANT TO SDCL § 1-26-18.3 was by first-class, U.S. Mail, postage paid to:

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July 20, 2006

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Dear Mr. Disburg:

By this letter, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) is transferring to the Office of Hearing Examiners (OHE) certain telecommunications dockets at the request of one of the parties to these dockets. The dockets at issue are: In the Matter of the Petitions of Armour Independent Telephone Company (Docket TC06-036), Bridgewater-Canistota Independent Telephone Company (Docket TC06-037), Golden West Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc. (Docket TC06-038), Kadoka Telephone Company (Docket TC06-039), Sioux Valley Telephone Company (Docket TC05-040), Union Telephone Company (TC06-041) and Vivian Telephone Company (Docket TC06-042) for Arbitration Pursuant to the Telecommunications Act of 1996 to Resolve Issues Relating to Interconnection Agreements With WWC License LLC.

Pursuant to SDCL 1-26-18.3, WWC filed a request to have these dockets heard by the OHE. At its July 11, 2006, meeting, the Commission granted the request. The order granting the request is enclosed.

By a telephone conversation on July 13, 2006, I was informed by you that your office did not require a paper copy of the dockets but that your office would instead access all of the documents that have been filed in these dockets through our website. These dockets can be accessed at:

http://www.state.sd.us/puc/commission/dockets/telecom/2006/telecom_2006.htm.

If you have any questions regarding the transfer of these dockets, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely,

ROLAYNE AILTS WIEST

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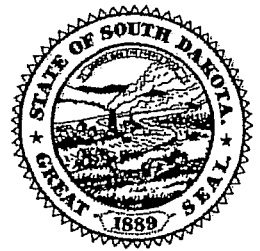
cc: Ms. Meredith A. Moore
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EXHIBIT E



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RE: In the Matter of the Petitions of Armour Independent Telephone Company, Bridgewater-Canistota Independent Telephone Company, Golden West Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc., Kadoka Telephone Company, Sioux Valley Telephone Company, Union Telephone Company and Vivian Telephone Company for Arbitration Pursuant to the Telecommunications Act of 1996 to Resolve Issues Relating to Interconnections with WWC License LLC. (PUC Dockets TC06-036, 037, 038, 039, 040, 041, 042) , OHE file PUC 6-06.

Dear Counsel:

These dockets have been transferred to this office, pursuant to SDCL 1-26-18.3. I will be handling them.

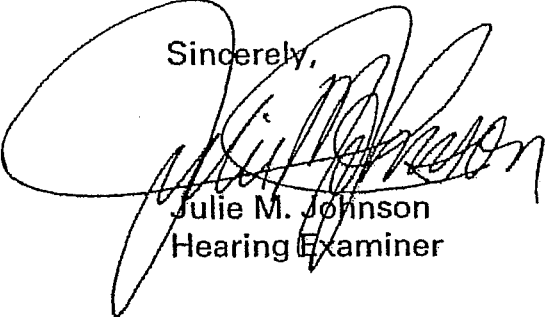
I believe it will be constructive to hold a prehearing conference call to review the current status of the manner and to review the current scheduling order.

Therefore, I have set a prehearing conference call for **Thursday, August 3, 2006, at 10:00 a.m., CDT, 9:00 a.m., MDT.** Please dial the conference operator at **1-800-254-1665** to participate in the call. Cell phones or cordless phones may interfere with the quality of the call.

In the meantime, if there are other matters about which I should know, please feel free to bring them to my attention. My direct line is 773-6850.

Thank you for your assistance in advance!

Sincerely,



Julie M. Johnson
Hearing Examiner



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Dear Counsel:

Some of you received a letter from me regarding a prehearing call. However, at the time of sending that letter, I did not have the complete list of lawyers and other parties to this action. So, I am taking the liberty of adapting this letter and adding the names of all of the lawyers/parties. Please accept my apologies for not being aware of all of the names earlier.

These dockets have been transferred to this office, pursuant to SDCL 1-26-18.3. I will be handling them.

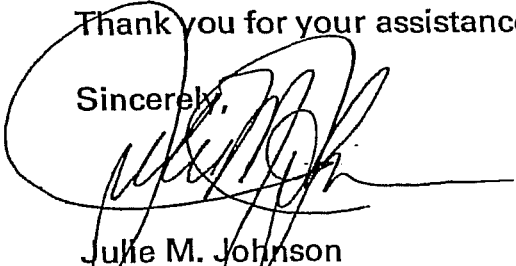
I believe it will be constructive to hold a prehearing conference call to review the current status of the manner and to review the current scheduling order.

Therefore, I have set a prehearing conference call for **Thursday, August 3, 2006, at 10:00 a.m., CDT, 9:00 a.m., MDT.** Please dial the conference operator at **1-800-254-1665** to participate in the call. Cell phones or cordless phones may interfere with the quality of the call.

In the meantime, if there are other matters about which I should know, please feel free to bring them to my attention. My direct line is 773-6850.

Thank you for your assistance in advance!

Sincerely,



Julie M. Johnson
Hearing Examiner

EXHIBIT F

connection with the above consolidated proceedings. The Golden West Companies request an opportunity to present oral argument to the Commission in support of this Application.

Dated this 28th day of July, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,
THE GOLDEN WEST COMPANIES

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