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Ms. Judy Feddersen, Clerk
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PO Box 1238
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RE: New Civil Filing

Dear Ms. Feddersen:

Enclosed for filing please find the following:

1. Application for Stay from Order of the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission Transferring Proceeding to the Office of Hearing Examiners;
2. Brief in Support of Application for Stay from Order of the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission Transferring Proceeding to the Office of Hearing Examiners; and
3. Affidavit of Counsel in Support of Application for Stay from Order of the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission Transferring Proceeding to the Office of Hearing Examiners.

In addition to the above documents, I have enclosed a check in the amount of \$60.00 which covers your filing fee and the \$10.00 facsimile filing fee. By copy of this correspondence, I am intending service by mail on the parties. If you have any questions regarding the enclosed items, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

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Best regards.

Sincerely,

CUTLER & DONAHOE, LLP

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Meredith A. Moore". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "M" and "A".

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Enclosures

cc: Talbot Wieczorek
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STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN CIRCUIT COURT

COUNTY OF HUGHES

SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC
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JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

In the Matter of the Petitions of Armour Independent Telephone Company, Bridgewater-Canistota Telephone Company, Golden West Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc., Kadoka Telephone Company, Sioux Valley Telephone Company, Union Telephone Company, and Vivian Telephone Company (collectively the "Golden West Companies") for Arbitration Pursuant to the Telecommunications Act of 1996 to Resolve Issues Relating to Interconnection Agreements with WWC License L.L.C. ("Western Wireless").

Civ. 06-_____

**APPLICATION FOR STAY FROM
ORDER OF THE SOUTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
TRANSFERRING PROCEEDINGS TO
THE OFFICE OF HEARING
EXAMINERS**

Come Now, Armour Independent Telephone Company, Bridgewater-Canistota Telephone Company, Golden West Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc., Kadoka Telephone Company, Sioux Valley Telephone Company, Union Telephone Company, and Vivian Telephone Company (collectively the "Golden West Companies"), and pursuant to SDCL § 1-26-32, submit their timely application to this Court requesting a stay of the Order of the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (the "PUC") entered on July 14, 2006 and transmitted to the parties via email on that same date, which Order granted the request of WWC License, L.L.C. ("WWC") to transfer to the South Dakota Office of Hearing Examiners Dockets No. TC06-036 through TC06-042 filed by the Golden West Companies before the PUC by which Dockets the Golden West Companies petitioned the PUC pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252 and SDCL § 49-31-81 to arbitrate certain open issues regarding interconnection agreement negotiations with WWC.

The Golden West Companies request that the Court immediately enter a temporary stay of the Commission's Order transferring these Dockets to the Office of Hearing Examiners and the Commission's Order Setting Procedural Schedule, as well as any action by the Office of Hearing Examiners relating to OHE File No. PUC 6-06, pending resolution of the PUC's

consideration of the Motion for Reconsideration filed by the Golden West Companies pursuant to A.R.S.D. 20:10:01:29 and 20:10:01:30.01. The foregoing relief is based upon the facts and authorities cited in the Brief and Affidavit of Counsel which accompany this Application.

Dated this 28th day of July 2006.

Respectfully submitted,
THE GOLDEN WEST COMPANIES

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

On this 28th day of July, 2006, a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served upon Talbot Wiczorek, 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.

Meredith A. Moore
One of the Attorneys for Petitioners