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**SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC  
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January 31, 2006

Patricia Van Gerpen  
Executive Director  
Public Utilities Commission  
500 East Capitol Ave  
Pierre SD 57501

Re: RM05-002  
Written Comments on Proposed Revisions and/or Additions to the Commission  
Switched Access Rules Codified in ARSD 20:10:27 through 20:10:29

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Please accept this letter on behalf of AT&T Communications of the Midwest, Inc., (AT&T) regarding the revisions and/or additions to the Commission's Switched Access Rules Codified in ARSD 20:10:27 through 20:10:29.

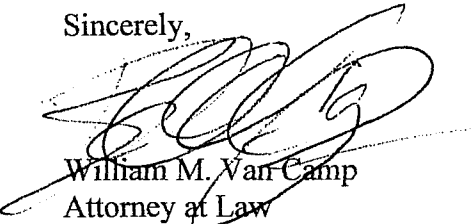
While it is the intent of AT&T to file with the Commission comments in the aforementioned docket, due to the recent merger of SBC Communications and AT&T and the accompanying integration efforts of the legal and regulatory teams involved coordinating a timely, thorough and comprehensive list of comments and concerns on the matter before the commission has proven to be somewhat difficult.

AT&T and its customers have a direct interest in the outcome of the aforementioned rule making docket. As a certified local exchange carrier and long distance carrier, AT&T and its customers are subject to the payment of switched access charges in order to do business in the State. The way in which access rates are formulated and the cost of doing business for AT&T in the State of South Dakota directly affects the cost of those services as provided to and paid by the customers of AT&T and public in the State of South Dakota.

Due to the concerns of AT&T and its customers and in light of the corporate changes underway at AT&T, we ask that the Commission please consider accepting future comments as made by AT & T in this matter. AT&T intends to file its initial comments in this matter in short order. We pray that the Commission would consider and review the information filed by AT&T on behalf of itself and its customers in South Dakota.

If you have any questions or concerns on this matter, please feel free to let me know.

Sincerely,



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