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SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Amy B. Larsen of said county, first duly sworn, on oath, says: That she is the office clerk of THE BROOKINGS REGISTER, a daily newspaper, printed and published in the City of Brookings, in said County of Brookings, and State of South Dakota; that she has full and personal knowledge of the facts herein stated; that said newspaper is a legal newspaper and has a bona fide circulation of at least two hundred copies of each issue daily; that said newspaper has been published within the said County of Brookings and State of South Dakota, for more than one year prior to the first publication of Exhibit "A," hereto attached and herein mentioned, and was and is printed

that the

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a printed copy of which, taken from the paper in which the same was published, is hereto attached marked Exhibit

said newspaper for _____ 1 times, to-wit:

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said Exhibit "A" inures to the sole benefit for the publishers of said newspaper; that no agreement or understanding for the division thereof has been made with any other person, and that no part thereof has been agreed to be paid to any person whomsoever; that the fees charged for the publication thereof are:

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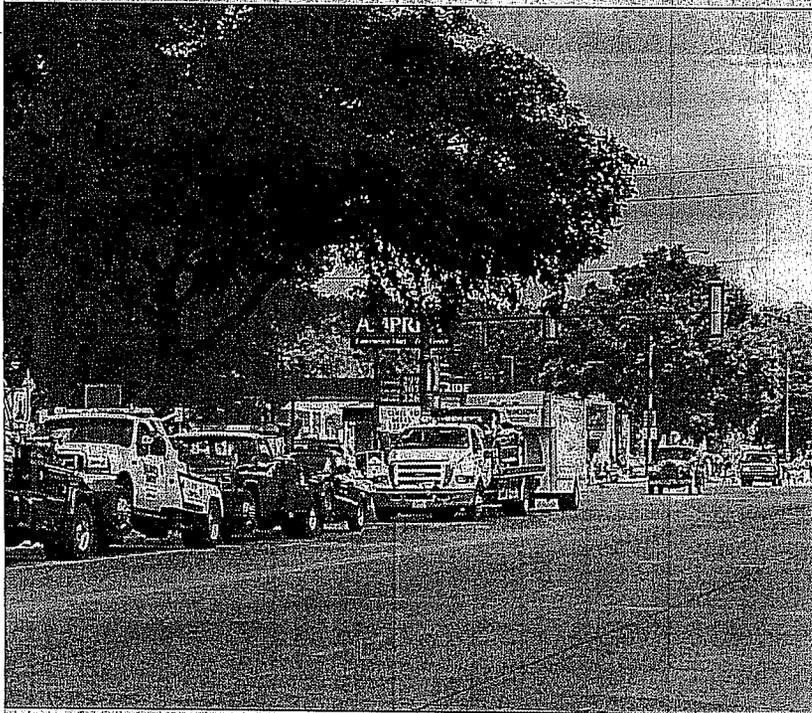
Amy B. Larsen

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12th day of July 2007

Christina Nelson

Notary Public in and for the County of Brookings, South Dakota. My Commission expires April 27, 2012

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Part of Dakota Towing Service & Repair's fleet appeared in the annual Fourth of July parade in Brookings last Wednesday.

Some spectators were staring in amazement at this display, but others may have seen it before, as the company has hooked the trucks together and rolled through town in a parade on one other occasion.

Courtesy photo

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Public Utilities Commission Notice of Public Hearing to Adopt Rules

A public hearing will be held in Room 413, 4th Floor, State Capitol, Pierre, South Dakota, on August 2, 2007, at 9:00 a.m., to consider the adoption and amendment of proposed rules numbered:

20:10:24:02, 20:10:24:04.02, 20:10:24:04.05, 20:10:24:05, 20:10:32:03,
20:10:32:06.01, 20:10:32:10, 20:10:32:29, 20:10:32:30, 20:10:32:31.01,
20:10:32:39, 20:10:32:54, 20:10:32:55, 20:10:33:22, 20:10:34:02.02 and
20:10:34:10

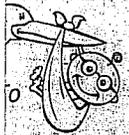
The proposed rule changes affect telecommunications rules. For 20:10:24:02, the changes add some requirements for applicants requesting a certificate of authority to provide interexchange services in South Dakota, including providing information to customers and the prevention of slamming. The changes also delete some requirements, including the filing of tariffs, cost support for certain rates, and organizational information. The change to 20:10:24:04.02 deletes the requirement to maintain on file all tariffs and rates. The reasons for the changes are to comply with newly enacted state law which prohibits the tariffing of certain services and requires notice of materially adverse changes to customers, to provide additional information regarding the application, and to eliminate requirements that are no longer needed.

The change to 20:10:24:04.05 clarifies that any security filed by an interexchange company is only for the benefit of South Dakota customers. The reason for this change is to make it clear that any protections provided by bonds or other security apply only to customers in South Dakota.

The changes to 20:10:24:05 add requirements for alternative operator services regarding notification to customers prior to the customer incurring charges for a call. The changes also delete the requirement to file tariffs. The reasons for the changes are

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state law applicable to certain services and requires notice of materi-
ally adverse changes to customers, to provide additional information regarding the
application, and to eliminate requirements that are no longer needed.

Proposed rule 20:10:32:06.01 allows the Commission to require some form of secu-
rity as a condition to receiving a certificate of authority. The reason for the proposed
rule is to provide additional protection to South Dakota customers in the event the com-
pany is unable to provide services.

The changes to 20:10:32:10 allow the Commission to waive the provisioning of a
requirement for local exchange service if it is not necessary based on the type of serv-
ice being provided. The reason for the change is that, depending on the type of serv-
ices provided, a company may not need to comply with all of the requirements.

The changes to 20:10:32:29 require a petition for arbitration of an interconnection
agreement to be accompanied by written testimony, exhibits, cost support, request for
protective order, and proposed procedural schedule. For 20:10:32:30, responses to arbi-
trations must contain the information that is required for petitions for arbitrations. The
change to 20:10:32:39 requires a petition for suspension or modification of an inter-
connection requirement to include written testimony and exhibits. The reason for the
changes is to make it easier to comply with statutory deadlines for decisions by requir-
ing more information at the time of the filing of the application.

Proposed rule 20:10:32:31.01 is a new rule which sets forth how a person who is
not a party to an arbitration may participate. The reason for the rule is to allow a non-
party to be able to state that party's position on issues that have arisen in the arbitra-
tion.

The change to 20:10:32:54 clarifies that an eligible telecommunications carrier
must continue to file improvement plans after the filing of the initial plan. The reason
for this change is to ensure that carriers continue to file improvement plans. The change
to 20:10:32:55 requires the annual lifeline report to be filed with the annual certifica-
tion. The reason for this change is to consolidate related filings.

For 20:10:33:22, the change requires local exchange companies to notify customers
in advance of all interruptions due to maintenance, if possible, instead of just for
"extended" interruptions. The reasons for this change include the difficulty in defining
"extended" and to provide customers with notifications of all maintenance interrup-
tions if possible.

Proposed rule 20:10:34:02.02 sets forth the requirements for notifying customers
when a new telephone company acquires the subscriber base of another carrier. The
acquiring carrier must provide to the subscriber the rates, terms and conditions of serv-
ice as well as other information and give notice 30 days before the transfer which
would allow the subscriber sufficient time to choose a new carrier. The reason for this
change is to provide notice to customers when a telephone company is acquired by
another company.

For 20:10:34:10, the changes regard how customers are notified of changes in
rates, terms and conditions of service. The reason for the changes is to reflect recent
statutory changes which require notification of materially adverse changes.

Persons interested in presenting data, opinions, and arguments for or against the
proposed rules may do so by appearing in person at the hearing or by sending them to
the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission, State Capitol, 500 East Capitol, Pierre,
South Dakota 57501-5070. Material sent by mail must reach the Public Utilities
Commission by August 13, 2007, to be considered.

After the hearing, the Commission will consider all written and oral comments it
receives on the proposed rules. The Commission may modify or amend a proposed rule
at that time to include or exclude matters that are described in this notice.

Notice is further given to individuals with disabilities that this hearing is being held
in a physically accessible place. Please notify the Public Utilities Commission at least
48 hours before the public hearing if you have special needs for which special arrange-
ments must be made. The telephone number for making special arrangements is (605)
773-3201.

Copies of the proposed rules may be obtained without charge from the

South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
State Capitol
500 East Capitol
Pierre, SD 57501-5070

The proposed rules may also be found on the Public Utilities Commission's home
page at the following address:
<http://www.state.sd.us/puc/commission/dockets/rulemaking/2007/rm07-001/rm07-001.htm>