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April 5, 2001

Harlan Best
Public Utilities Commission
500 East Capitol Avenue
Pierre, South Dakota 57501

Re: McCook Telecom, Inc.

Dear Mr. Best:

McCook Telecom, Inc. (McCook), by and through its undersigned attorney, hereby requests a waiver of the requirements of ARSD 20:10:27:07. This Rule states in part:

Each carrier's carrier or association shall file an initial tariff for switched access service with the commission. Each carrier's carrier or association shall file cost data in support of its switched access service tariff no less than once every three years . . .

This waiver is requested for the following reasons:

1. On or about January 1, 2001, McCook acquired the telephone assets of Hanson Communications, Inc. (Hanson), which included the Salem and Alexandria exchanges (see letter of notification to PUC dated March 19, 2001, a copy of which is attached). One of the Hanson exchanges acquired by McCook was, prior to the transfer, an average schedule company. There is thus no cost data available for that exchange at the present time.

2. McCook is required to file cost data this year under the requirements of the above rule, but only for the Salem Exchange. McCook requests a waiver of the requirements of ARSD 20:10:27:07 for one year to enable McCook to file one cost study on behalf of all of its exchanges. The one-year delay would give McCook the opportunity to gather one year's data for the recently-acquired exchanges, and then to submit one cost study based on accurate data from all of its exchanges. In addition, it would be more economical for McCook to submit one cost study that includes all of its exchanges, rather than filing for only the Salem Exchange.

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For these reasons, McCook respectfully requests that the Commission grant the company a waiver of the requirement to file cost data, as required by ARSD 20:10:27:07, for a period of one year.

Please contact me should you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Darla Pollman Rogers".

Darla Pollman Rogers
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March 19, 2001

William T. Bullard, Executive Director
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
State Capitol Building
500 East Capitol Avenue
Pierre, South Dakota 57501

Re: McCook Cooperative Telephone Company

Dear Mr. Bullard:

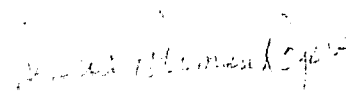
Please be advised that our firm represents McCook Cooperative Telephone Company (McCook) of Salem, South Dakota. During the last several months of 2000, McCook has been in the process of acquiring the telephone assets of its affiliates.

Prior to the acquisition, McCook owned and operated four telephone exchanges. McCook has one wholly-owned subsidiary, Hanson Communications, Inc. ("Hanson"), that owned and operated the Salem Telephone Exchange. Hanson owns a company called Hanson County Telephone Company ("Hanson County") that owned and operated the Alexandria Telephone Exchange.

This is to advise you that effective January 1, 2001, Hanson acquired the telephone assets of Hanson County, and then McCook acquired all of Hanson's telephone assets. Hanson and Hanson County will, for the time being, continue to exist, but as of January 1, 2001, all of the telecommunications operations will be conducted by McCook.

This notice is given pursuant to SDCL 49-31-20. Please let me know if you require any further information with regard to these transactions.

Sincerely yours,


Darla Pollman Rogers
Attorney at Law

DPR/ph

South Dakota Public Utilities Commission

WEEKLY FILINGS

For the Period of April 05, 2001 through April 11 , 2001

If you need a complete copy of a filing faxed, overnight expressed, or mailed to you, please contact Delaine Kolbo within five business days of this filing. Phone: 605-773-3705 Fax: 605-773-3809

CONSUMER COMPLAINTS

CT01-014 In the Matter of the Complaint filed by S&S Communications, Aberdeen, South Dakota, against MCIWorldCom Regarding Billing, Poor Service and Unethical Behavior.

Complainant alleges that MCIWorldCom (MCI) has overbilled S&S Communications' (S&S) corporate account for the months of January through November 2000; MCI has direct billed S&S customers for unauthorized service at casual rates; MCI has provided poor service, slow or no switching of S&S subscriber base orders, not provided MCI LOA forms and proper information; MCI has stalled and mis-provisioned S&S dedicated T-1 facilities; MCI has frozen S&S service orders and its corporate account; and that MCI has performed in an overall unethical manner in its treatment of S&S and its customers. The complainant requests that MCI refund or credit S&S for the over charges; refund all monies that S&S paid as a result of the alleged unauthorized direct billings of its customers; that the Commission hold MCI accountable for its actions according to state and federal law; compensation for the delay in transitioning its dedicated facilities; that MCI compensate S&S for administration costs, lost revenues, and expenses relating to the complaint issue; and that the Commission bar MCI from disconnecting S&S and its customers before the Commission can rule on the merits of the complaint filed.

Staff Analyst: Heather Forney
Staff Attorney: Karen Cremer
Date Docketed: 04/05/01
Intervention Deadline: N/A

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

TC01-037 In the Matter of the Application of Local Telcom Holdings, LLC d/b/a Transpoint Communications for a Certificate of Authority to Provide Intorexchange Telecommunications Services in South Dakota.

Local Telcom Holdings, LLC d/b/a Transpoint Communications is seeking a Certificate of Authority to provide non-facilities-based and resold interexchange telecommunications services indiscriminately to both residential and business class customers throughout the entire state of South Dakota.

Staff Analyst: Keith Senger
Staff Attorney: Kelly Frazier
Date Docketed: 04/06/01
Intervention Deadline: 04/27/01

TC01-038 In the Matter of the Request by McCook Cooperative Telephone Company for a Waiver of a Requirement to File a Switched Access Cost Study.

McCook Cooperative Telephone Company (McCook) filed a request to waive ARSD 20:10-27:07 which requires a company to submit "cost data in support of its switched access service tariff no less than once every three years." McCook acquired the telephone assets of Hanson Communications, Inc., which included the Salem and Alexandria exchanges, effective January 1, 2001. Alexandria prior to the transfer

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE REQUEST BY)	ORDER GRANTING THE
MCCOOK COOPERATIVE TELEPHONE)	WAIVER REQUEST
COMPANY FOR A WAIVER OF A)	
REQUIREMENT TO FILE A SWITCHED)	TC01-038
ACCESS COST STUDY)	

On April 6, 2001, McCook Cooperative Telephone Company (McCook) filed with the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) a request to waive ARSD 20:10:27:07 which requires a company to submit "cost data in support of its switched access service tariff no less than once every three years." McCook requested the waiver for the following reasons:

"1. On or about January 1, 2001, McCook acquired the telephone assets of Hanson Communications, Inc. (Hanson), which included the Salem and Alexandria exchanges (see letter of notification to PUC dated March 19, 2001, a copy of which is attached). One of the Hanson exchanges acquired by McCook was, prior to the transfer, an average schedule company. There is thus no cost data available for that exchange at the present time.

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McCook is a member of the Local Exchange Carriers Association.

On April 12, 2001, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of April 27, 2001, to interested individuals and entities.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 1-26-17.1, 49-1A-9, 49-31-12.6, 49-31-18, 49-31-19 and ARSD 20:10:01:15.02, 20:10:01:15.05, 20:10:27:07 and 20:10:27:08.

On May 8, 2001, at its regularly scheduled meeting, the Commission found good cause to grant the requested waiver for a period of one year. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the requested waiver is hereby granted for a period of one year.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 11th day of May, 2001.

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:

Adeline Kalbo

Date:

5/14/01

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

James A. Burg
JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

Pam Nelson
PAM NELSON, Commissioner