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IN THE MATTER OF THE BILL FOR
APPROVAL OF A RECIPROCAL
AGREEMENT AND TERMINATION
AGREEMENT BETWEEN BROOKINGS
COMMUNITY UTILITIES CO. (BUCU)
COMMUNICATIONS AND TELEPHONE
SERVICES DEVELOPMENT, INC. AND
BROOKINGS COMMUNITY TELEPHONE,
INC.

Public Utilities Commission of the State of South Dakota

GENERAL ORDER

1. In the matter of the Bill for approval of a reciprocal agreement and termination agreement between Brookings Community Utilities Co. (BUCU) Communications and Telephone Services Development, Inc. and Brookings Community Telephone, Inc.



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November 5, 2001

Ms. Debra Elofson
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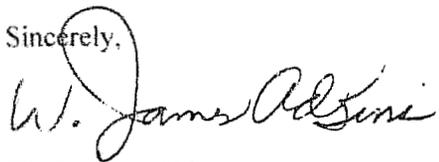
RE: Request for Approval of Reciprocal Transport and Termination Agreement between Swiftel Communications and McLeod USA Telecom Development, Inc. and Dakota Community Telephone, Inc.

Dear Ms. Elofson:

Enclosed for filing with the Commission are ten (10) copies of a Reciprocal Transport and Termination Agreement executed by Brookings Municipal Utilities d/b/a Swiftel Communications and McLeod USA Telecom Development, Inc. and Dakota Community Telephone, Inc. On behalf of our two companies we request approval of the agreement pursuant to the 47 U.S.C § 252 (e).

Please file and distribute these copies as necessary.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

W. James Adkins
Network & Technical Operations Manager

CC: Lauraine Harding, McLeod USA Telecommunications Services, Inc

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Reciprocal Transport and Termination Agreement

by and between

Brookings Municipal Utilities d.b.a Swiftel Communications

and

McLeodUSA Telecom Development, Inc.

and

Dakota Community Telephone, Inc.

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**SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**Reciprocal Transport and Termination Agreement by and between
Brookings Municipal Utilities d.b.a Swiftel Communications and
McLeodUSA Telecom Development, Inc. and Dakota Community Telephone, Inc.**

This Reciprocal Transport and Termination Agreement (the "Agreement") is entered into by and between Brookings Municipal Utilities d.b.a. Swiftel Communications ("CMRS Provider") with offices at Brookings, South Dakota and McLeodUSA Telecom Development, Inc. and Dakota Community Telephone, Inc. ("Carrier") with offices at Sioux Falls, South Dakota. CMRS Provider and Carrier are each individually a "Party" and are together the "Parties" to this Agreement.

WHEREAS, CMRS Provider is licensed by the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") as a Commercial Mobile Radio Service provider. Carrier is a local exchange carrier holding a certificate of authority to provide telecommunications services in the State of South Dakota.

WHEREAS, the Parties currently extend arrangements to one another allowing for the transport and termination of wireline to wireless and wireless to wireline traffic over each other's network facilities, and between each other's subscribers.

WHEREAS, Carrier and CMRS Provider agree to exchange wireline to wireless and wireless to wireline traffic for the benefit of the Parties. Services provided by Carrier to CMRS Provider under this Agreement are provided pursuant to the receiving Party's status as a CMRS Provider.

WHEREAS, the Parties wish to put in place an arrangement for the mutual exchange and reciprocal compensation of local telecommunications traffic in accord with the Act, and which is intended to supersede any previous arrangements between the Parties relating to such traffic.

WHEREAS, the Parties also wish to establish an arrangement that compensates Carrier for transporting Traffic (when applicable) that originates on CMRS Provider's network and which terminates on a third carrier's network.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual provisions contained herein and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, CMRS Provider and Carrier hereby agree as follows:

1. Scope. This Agreement addresses the Parties' reciprocal compensation obligations as described in § 251(b)(5) of the Act. If CMRS Provider elects to replace the existing form of indirect interconnection with a two-way or one-way direct connection, the Parties agree to negotiate a separate interconnection agreement related to the provisioning and compensation for such facilities. By this Agreement, neither Party waives any other rights it may have under the Act or rules of the FCC, under state statute, or pursuant to rules of the Commission. Such rights may include CMRS Provider's right to request unbundled network

elements and a review of Carrier's rural telephone company exemption provided for under § 251(f)(1)(A) of the Act and Carrier's right to seek to maintain the rural exemption.

2. Interpretation and Construction. The terms and conditions of this Agreement shall be subject to any and all applicable laws, rules, regulations or guidelines that subsequently may be prescribed by any federal or state government authority. To the extent required by any such subsequently prescribed law, rule, regulation or guideline, the Parties agree to negotiate in good faith toward an agreement to modify, in writing, any affected term and condition of this Agreement to bring them into compliance with such law, rule, regulation or guideline.

2.1 The Parties agree and understand that certain provisions in this Agreement are based on the FCC's First Report and Order, In the Matter of Implementation of the Local Competition Provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, CC Docket No. 96-98, rel. Aug. 8, 1996 ("FCC 1st Order") and the Second Report and Order and Memorandum Opinion and Order, In the Matter of the Implementation of the Local Competition Provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, CC Docket No. 96-98, rel. Aug. 8, 1996 ("FCC 2nd Order"). To the extent that certain of the rules contained in the FCC 1st Order and the FCC 2nd Order, or any other FCC Order adopted to implement the Act are ultimately deemed by the courts to be not effective, this Agreement shall be modified to comport with the final court decisions and subsequent FCC rules adopted to comply with the court's decisions.

2.2 The Parties further agree and understand that the rates for Transport and Termination agreed to, as set forth in Exhibit A hereto, have not been determined based on a specific costing methodology or company specific cost studies and that they may have to be adjusted when an appropriate costing methodology consistent with § 252(d)(2) of the Act is established and cost information or an acceptable cost proxy model which reasonably reflects the costs of providing the Local Transport and Termination services or Transit Services becomes available.

2.3 The Parties enter into this agreement without prejudice to any position they may take with respect to similar future agreements between the Parties or with respect to positions they may have taken previously, or may take in the future in any legislative, regulatory or other public forum addressing any matters, including matters related to the rates to be charged for transport and termination of local traffic or the types of arrangements prescribed by this Agreement.

3. Definitions.

3.1 "Act" means the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 151 et seq.), as amended, including the Telecommunications Act of 1996, and as from time to time interpreted in the duly authorized rules and regulations of the FCC.

3.2 "CMRS" or "Commercial Mobile Radio Service" is as defined in the Act and the duly authorized rules and regulations of the FCC.

3.3 "Commission" means the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission.

3.4 "Local Calling Area" (LCA) means a geographic area defined by the MTA within which CMRS Provider provides CMRS services where local transport and termination rates apply as set forth in the FCC 1st Order and regulations promulgated thereunder.

3.5 "Local Traffic" means the completion of wireless to wireline and wireline to wireless Traffic which originates and terminates within the LCA based on the location of the connecting cell site serving the wireless subscriber and the central office for landline end-user.

3.6 "Major Trading Area" (MTA) means a geographic area established in Rand McNally's Commercial Atlas and Marketing Guide and used by the FCC in defining CMRS license boundaries for CMRS providers for purposes of Sections 251 and 252 of the Act.

3.7 "MOU" means a minute of use.

3.8 "Non-Local Traffic" means the completion of interMTA calls based on the location of the connecting cell site serving the wireless subscriber and the central office for the landline end-user and the completion of interMTA roaming traffic, as defined in FCC 1st Order, par. 1043, to which switched access charges are applicable.

3.9 "Reciprocal Compensation Credit" for purposes of this Agreement and based on current traffic trends means a monetary credit for wireline to wireless traffic which is originated by a landline subscriber of Carrier and terminates to a subscriber of CMRS Provider within the LCA.

3.10 "Traffic" means all Local Traffic and Non-Local Traffic that originates on one Party's network, and terminates on the other Party's network.

3.11 "Transit Traffic" means any Traffic that originates from one telecommunications carrier's network, transits Carrier's network substantially unchanged, and terminates to yet another telecommunications carrier other than Carrier.

3.12 "Transit Services" means the provision of transport facilities by Carrier that provide a transport function for Traffic originating from CMRS Provider and terminating to a telecommunications carrier other than Carrier.

3.13 "Termination" or "Terminate" means the switching of Local Traffic at the terminating carrier's end-office switch, or functionally equivalent facility, and the delivery of such Traffic to the called party.

3.14 "Transport" means the transmission and any necessary tandem switching by a Party of Local Traffic from the point of interconnection between the Parties to the

terminating carrier's end-office switch or functionally equivalent facility that directly serves the called party.

4. Reciprocal Traffic Exchange. Each Party shall reciprocally Transport and Terminate on its network Traffic originating on the other Party's network. Reciprocal Traffic exchange addresses the exchange of Traffic between CMRS Provider's subscribers and Carrier's end-users and any Transit Services which may be provided by Carrier for Transit Traffic. Consistent with Carrier's current practice with CMRS Provider, either Party's Traffic may be routed through an intermediary for interconnection with the other Party's system. Reciprocal Traffic exchange per this Agreement covers only Transport and Termination services or Transit Services provided in association with CMRS services. Other services, including any direct interconnect arrangement established between the Parties, shall be covered by a separate contract, tariff or price list. The Transport and Termination services or Transit Services provided hereunder are intended for wireless to wireline or wireline to wireless, but not wireline to wireline communications. Such services will not be used to terminate other types of traffic on Carrier's network (such as wireline originated traffic) and services used in violation hereof shall constitute a breach of this Agreement. In addition to any other remedies available, the Party whose services have been improperly used shall be entitled to recover the charges applicable to such traffic for the entire period of misuse. Any incidental services (e.g. directory assistance, operator services, etc.) will be billed at the standard rates for those services.

5. Local and Non-Local Traffic. This Agreement is intended to address the Transport and Termination of Traffic between the Parties and Transit Services to the extent applicable. Local Traffic is subject to the local Transport and Termination MOU charge set forth on Exhibit A and is not subject to switched access charges. Non-Local Traffic is subject to either Carrier's interstate or intrastate tariffed switched access charges and terms and conditions, whichever is applicable. Transit Traffic is subject to the provisions described in Section 7 below.

5.1 Ancillary traffic which includes wireless Traffic that is destined for ancillary services including, but not limited to, directory assistance, 911/E911, operator call termination (busy line interrupt and verify), 800/888, LIDB, and information services requiring special billing will be exchanged and charged in accordance with the appropriate tariffs, local or switched access.

5.2 For billing purposes, if either Party is unable to classify on an automated basis the Traffic delivered by CMRS Provider as Local Traffic or Non-Local Traffic, CMRS Provider will provide Carrier with a Percent Interstate Use (PIU) factor, which represents the estimated portion of interMTA Traffic delivered by CMRS Provider. The PIU factor will be provided and updated on a semi-annual basis to commence six (6) months after Commission approval of this Agreement.

6. Local Transport and Termination Rate. CMRS Provider and Carrier shall reciprocally and symmetrically compensate one another for Local Traffic terminated to their respective subscribers and end-user customers. The MOU rate for the Termination and Transport of such Local Traffic is set forth in Exhibit A attached hereto. Carrier will be responsible for measuring the total monthly minutes of use terminating into its network from CMRS Provider's

network. Measured usage begins when CMRS Provider's mobile switching office is signaled by the Carrier's terminating end-office that the call has been answered. Measured usage ends upon recognition by the mobile switching office of disconnection by the earlier of the Carrier's customer or the disconnection signal from the terminating end office. Carrier will only charge CMRS Provider for actual measured minutes of use and/or fractions thereof of completed calls. Minutes of use will be aggregated at the end of the billing cycle and rounded to the nearest whole minute. The Party collecting revenues shall be responsible for reporting and remitting all applicable taxes associated therewith.

7. Transit Services. If Carrier performs Transit Services, CMRS Provider shall compensate Carrier for originated Transit Traffic at the Transit Rate set forth on Exhibit A. Any billing to CMRS Provider for Transit Services shall be limited to the intermediate Transit Services from Carrier to the terminating telecommunications carrier. Carrier shall separately identify the amount of usage associated with Transit Traffic on any billing to CMRS Provider. Upon written request, Carrier shall provide to CMRS Provider the identity of the terminating carrier, the exchanges and route miles associated with any Transit Services which may be provided under this Agreement.

8. De Minimus Traffic. In the event the Traffic terminated on the Parties' respective networks is de minimus such that the total MOU for which either Party is entitled to compensation is less than 3,000 MOU for a three month period (or 1,000 MOU for a one month period if Carrier or CMRS Provider bills monthly), the Parties agree that the only compensation for such Traffic will be in the form of the reciprocal Transport and Termination services provided by the other Party, and no billings will be issued by either Party.

9. Reciprocal Compensation Credit. If CMRS Provider is unable to determine the amount of wireline to wireless Traffic it terminates from Carrier, the monthly minutes of use terminated into CMRS Provider's network from Carrier's network for purposes of this Agreement will be used to determine the Reciprocal Compensation Credit due CMRS Provider, which will be calculated using the formula set forth in Exhibit A.

9.1 The resulting number shall be multiplied by the MOU rate to determine the monthly Reciprocal Compensation Credit. The Reciprocal Compensation Credit for the Transport and Termination will appear on the monthly bill issued by Carrier as a credit against amounts due and payable from CMRS Provider to Carrier.

9.2 Should Traffic patterns change so that more wireline to wireless Traffic is being terminated by CMRS Provider, the Reciprocal Compensation Credit shall be changed to reflect such difference. The amended Reciprocal Compensation Credit shall be based on the results of a Traffic study conducted for a representative sample of calls within the Carrier's service area. If the Parties are unable to reach agreement on the adequacy of the sample, the methodology for the Traffic study, or the appropriate percentages to be used, either Party may request resolution of the dispute by the Commission.

10. Billing and Collection Fees. Carrier shall bill CMRS Provider on either a monthly or quarterly basis for services provided under this Agreement in accordance with the MOU rate set forth on Exhibit A. Carrier shall include sufficient detail in its invoices to enable CMRS Provider to reasonably verify the accuracy of the usage and charges. CMRS Provider shall pay such invoices within thirty (30) days of receipt of the statement. In the event of a dispute over the amount of the invoice, CMRS Provider shall pay the undisputed portion and shall not be required to pay the disputed portion pending an investigation and resolution of the dispute.

10.1 In the event CMRS Provider elects to measure the wireline to wireless Traffic terminated to it by Carrier, CMRS Provider will directly invoice Carrier for such Traffic applying the MOU rate contained in Exhibit A rather than utilizing the Reciprocal Compensation Credit in Section 8. The billing and payment provisions and time periods set forth in this Section 9 shall apply if CMRS Provider elects to direct bill Carrier. In addition, CMRS Provider shall notify Carrier that it intends to direct bill for terminated Traffic at least sixty (60) days in advance of the first bill.

11. Effective Date. This Agreement is subject to approval by the Commission. CMRS Provider and Carrier will work cooperatively to take all steps necessary and proper to expeditiously prosecute a joint application before the Commission seeking approval of this Agreement. Each Party shall be responsible for their own costs and expenses incurred in obtaining approval of this Agreement from the Commission.

12. Term. Subject to the termination provisions contained in this Agreement, the term of this Agreement shall be one (1) year from the effective date and shall continue in effect for consecutive one (1) year terms until either Party gives the other Party at least ninety (90) days written notice of termination, which termination shall be effective at the end of the notice period.

13. Termination Upon Default. Either Party may terminate this Agreement in whole or in part in the event of a default by the other Party, provided however, that the non-defaulting Party notifies the defaulting Party in writing of the alleged default and that the defaulting Party does not cure the alleged default within thirty (30) calendar days of receipt of written notice thereof.

14. Liability Upon Termination. Termination of this Agreement, or any part hereof, for any cause shall not release either Party from any liability which at the time of termination had already accrued to the other Party or which thereafter accrues in any respect for any act or omission occurring prior to the termination relating to an obligation which is expressly stated in this Agreement. The Parties' obligations under this Agreement which by their nature are intended to continue beyond the termination or expiration of this Agreement shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

15. General Responsibilities of Parties. Each Party is responsible to provide facilities within its respective network which are necessary for routing and terminating Traffic to and from the other Party's network. If a Party makes a change in its network which may materially affect the exchange of Traffic under this Agreement, the Party making the change shall provide at least

ninety (90) days advance written notice of the nature of the change and when the change will occur.

16. Assignments, Successors and Assignees. A Party may not assign or transfer this Agreement without the prior written consent of the other Party, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a Party may assign this Agreement, or any portion thereof, without consent to any entity that controls, is controlled by or is under common control with the assigning Party. Any such assignment shall not in any way affect or limit the rights and obligations of the Parties under this Agreement. The Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the Parties hereto and their lawful successors and assigns.

17. Confidentiality. The Parties to this Agreement recognize they or their authorized representatives may come into possession of confidential and/or proprietary data about each other's business or networks as a result of this Agreement. Each Party agrees to treat all such data and information as strictly confidential and to use such data and information only for the purpose of performance under this Agreement. Each Party agrees not to disclose data or information about the other Party's business without first securing the written consent of the Party, unless such disclosure is required by lawful subpoena or court order.

18. Business Records. Each Party is responsible for the accuracy of its data as submitted to the other Party. Upon reasonable notice, each Party or its authorized representative shall have the right to conduct an on-premise review of the relevant data possessed by the other Party to assure compliance with the provisions of this Agreement. The review will consist of any examination and verification of data involving records, systems, procedures and other information related to the services performed by either Party as it relates to charges or payments made in connection with this Agreement. Each Party's right to access information for a verification review purpose is limited to data not in excess of twelve (12) months in age. A Party's right to request a review is limited to once every twelve (12) months. The Party requesting a verification review shall fully bear its own costs associated with conducting the review. The Party being reviewed will provide reasonable access to necessary and applicable information at no charge to the reviewing Party during normal business hours.

19. Force Majeure. Neither Party shall be liable for any delay or failure in performance of any part of this Agreement from any cause beyond its reasonable control, including, without limitation, acts of nature, acts of civil or military authority, government regulations, embargoes, epidemics, terrorist acts, riots, insurrections, fires, explosions, earthquakes, nuclear accidents, floods, power blackouts, other major environmental disturbances or unusually severe weather conditions (collectively, a "Force Majeure Event").

20. No Third Party Beneficiaries. This Agreement does not provide any person not a party, assignee or successor to this Agreement and shall not be construed to provide any such third parties with any remedy, claim, liability, reimbursement, cause of action, or other privilege.

21. Notices. Notices given by one Party to the other Party under this Agreement shall be in writing to the addresses of the Parties set forth above and shall be (i) delivered personally;

(ii) delivered by express delivery service; (iii) mailed, certified mail or first class U.S. mail postage prepaid, return receipt requested; or (iv) delivered by telecopy. Any such notice given under this Agreement shall be effective upon the receipt of the Party. Any Party may specify a different address by notifying the other Party in writing of such different address in the manner provided in this Section.

22. Governing Law. For all claims under this Agreement that are based upon issues within the jurisdiction of the FCC or governed by federal law, the Parties agree that remedies for such claims shall be governed by the FCC and the Act. For all claims under this Agreement that are based upon issues within the jurisdiction of the Commission or governed by state law, the Parties agree that the jurisdiction for all such claims shall be with such Commission, and the remedy for such claims shall be as provided for by such Commission. In all other respects, this Agreement shall be governed by the domestic laws of the state of South Dakota without reference to conflict of law provisions.

23. Entire Agreement. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties and supersedes all prior oral or written agreements, representations, ~~statements~~, negotiations, understandings, proposals and undertakings with respect to the subject matter hereof.

24. Amendments. This Agreement may not be modified or amended other than by a written instrument executed by both Parties. Any amendment, modification or supplement to this Agreement shall be filed with the Commission and approved by the Commission as may be required by applicable law.

25. Counterparts. The undersigned signatories represent they have the authority to execute this Agreement on behalf of their respective companies. This Agreement can be executed in separate parts which together will constitute a single, integrated Agreement.

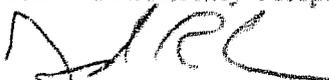
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed as of this 29th day of August, 2001.

"CMRS Provider"
Brookings Municipal Utilities d.b.a.
Swiftel Communications

By: 
Title: Exec. VP General Manager

Name: Craig Osvog
(Print or Type)
Date: August 29, 2001

"Carrier"
McLeodUSA Telecom Development, Inc.
and Dakota Community Telephone, Inc.

By: 
Title: Vice President

Name: David R. Conn
(Print or Type)
Date: 7/30/01

EXHIBIT A

Transport and Termination Rate

1. The Transport and Termination for Local Traffic under the Agreement shall be based on usage sensitive rate multiplied by the total minutes of use according to the following schedule.

<u>Number of Access Lines for Carrier</u>	<u>MOU Rate</u>
0-500 lines	\$.050
501 to 900 lines	\$.038
901 to 1,500 lines	\$.033
1,501 lines or more	\$.028

2. Carrier shall provide written notice to CMRS Provider upon the effective date of the Agreement setting forth its total number of access lines and the basis of said calculation for purposes of determining the applicable MOU Rate. On or before May 1 of each year thereafter, Carrier shall provide to CMRS Provider written notice to update its total number of access lines and the basis of said calculation. Any dispute between the Parties concerning the number of Carrier access lines shall be resolved by the Commission.

Reciprocal Compensation Credit – Calculation

1. The minutes of use of wireline to wireless Traffic for purposes of the Reciprocal Compensation Credit shall be calculated by multiplying the total monthly minutes of use of wireless to wireline Traffic delivered from CMRS Provider's network for termination into Carrier's network by a factor of 0.17.

Transit Traffic Rate

1. \$0.0005 per MOU per route mile

South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
WEEKLY FILINGS
For the Period of November 1, 2001 through November 7, 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

CT01-049 In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Ida Lagge, Scotland, South Dakota, against MCI WorldCom Regarding Unauthorized Switching of Services.

Complainant states that she continuously receives calls from MCI asking her to change her long distance service to MCI. Each time Complainant states that she told the caller that she did not want to change providers. To Complainant's knowledge, she did not change her long distance provider to MCI. Complainant became aware that her long distance had been changed when she attempted to make a long distance call and she had no long distance service on her line. Complainant requests that the Commission review the tape of her conversation with the MCI representative and put sanctions on MCI. Complainant also requests that all charges be removed and that she be awarded \$1,500.00 from MCI for the undue harassment, mental anguish and the many sleepless nights they have caused her

Staff Analyst: Mary Healy
Staff Attorney: Karen Cremer
Date Docketed: 11/06/01
Intervention Deadline: N/A

CT01-050 In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Margaret Underwood, Pierre, South Dakota, against Talk America, Inc. Regarding Failure to Cancel Telecommunications Services.

Complainant states that she is receiving unauthorized billings by Talk America, Inc. Complainant further states that the company told her that they would remove the monthly charge and refund her money, but on the next bill she was charged again and not given a refund. Complainant states she wants the account closed and a complete refund of all charges.

Staff Analyst: Charlene Lund
Staff Attorney: Kelly Frazier
Date Docketed: 11/07/01
Intervention Deadline: N/A

ELECTRIC

EL01-026 In the Matter of the Filing by Otter Tail Power Company for Approval of an Electric Service Agreement for the Supply of Bulk Interruptible Power between Otter Tail Power Company and Valley Queen Cheese Factory, Inc.

On November 2, 2001, the Commission received a filing from Otter Tail Power Company in accordance with South Dakota Codified Law 49-34A. The Agreement is entered into pursuant to Otter Tail's Bulk Interruptible Service Tariff, as on file with the Commission.

Staff Analyst: Dave Jacobson
Staff Attorney: Kelly Frazier
Date Docketed: 11/02/01
Intervention Deadline: 11/23/01

Report and Pay the Gross Receipts Tax.

- TC01-170 In the Matter of Enhanced Communications Network, Inc.'s Failure to Submit a Report and Pay the Gross Receipts Tax.
- TC01-171 In the Matter of erbia Network, Inc.'s Failure to Submit a Report and Pay the Gross Receipts Tax.
- TC01-172 In the Matter of Internet Telephone Company's Failure to Submit a Report and Pay the Gross Receipts Tax.
- TC01-173 In the Matter of JATO Operating Two Corp.'s Failure to Submit a Report and Pay the Gross Receipts Tax.
- TC01-174 In the Matter of LDC Telecommunications, Inc.'s Failure to Submit a Report and Pay the Gross Receipts Tax.
- TC01-175 In the Matter of NewPath Holdings, Inc.'s Failure to Submit a Report and Pay the Gross Receipts Tax.
- TC01-176 In the Matter of Ozark Telecom, Inc.'s Failure to Submit a Report and Pay the Gross Receipts Tax.
- TC01-177 In the Matter of PAM Oil, Inc. d/b/a PAM Communications' Failure to Submit a Report and Pay the Gross Receipts Tax.
- TC01-178 In the Matter of PNV, Inc. f/k/a PNV.net, Inc. f/k/a Park 'N View, Inc.'s Failure to Submit a Report and Pay the Gross Receipts Tax.
- TC01-179 In the Matter of ServiSense.com, Inc.'s Failure to Submit a Report and Pay the Gross Receipts Tax.
- TC01-180 In the Matter of SouthNet Telecomm Services, Inc.'s Failure to Submit a Report and Pay the Gross Receipts Tax.
- TC01-181 In the Matter of Special Accounts Billing Group, Inc.'s Failure to Submit a Report and Pay the Gross Receipts Tax.
- TC01-182 In the Matter of Telera Communications, Inc.'s Failure to Submit a Report and Pay the Gross Receipts Tax.
- TC01-183 In the Matter of Telicor Inc.'s Failure to Submit a Report and Pay the Gross Receipts Tax.
- TC01-184 In the Matter of Telscape USA, Inc.'s Failure to Submit a Report and Pay the Gross Receipts Tax.
- TC01-185 In the Matter of Teltrust Communications Services, Inc.'s Failure to Submit a Report and Pay the Gross Receipts Tax.
- TC01-186 In the Matter of TotalAxxess.com, Inc.'s Failure to Submit a Report and Pay the Gross Receipts Tax.
- TC01-187 In the Matter of Vee Em, Inc. f/k/a Speer Virtual Media, Ltd.'s Failure to Submit a Report and Pay the Gross Receipts Tax.

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING FOR) ORDER APPROVING
APPROVAL OF A RECIPROCAL TRANSPORT) AGREEMENT
AND TERMINATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN)
BROOKINGS MUNICIPAL UTILITIES D.B.A) TC01-189
SWIFTEL COMMUNICATIONS AND)
MCLEODUSA TELECOM DEVELOPMENT, INC.)
AND DAKOTA COMMUNITY TELEPHONE, INC.)

On November 7, 2001, Brookings Municipal Utilities d.b.a Swiftel Communications (Swiftel) filed for approval by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) a reciprocal transport and termination agreement between McLeodUSA Telecom Development, Inc. (McLeod) and Dakota Community Telephone, Inc. (DCT) and Swiftel.

On November 8, 2001, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of this filing to interested individuals and entities. The notice stated that any person wishing to comment on the parties' request for approval had until November 27, 2001, to do so. No comments were filed.

At its duly noticed January 3, 2002, meeting, the Commission considered whether to approve the agreement between Swiftel and McLeod and DCT. Commission Staff recommended approval.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-31, and the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996. In accordance with 47 U.S.C § 252(e)(2), the Commission found that the agreement does not discriminate against a telecommunications carrier that is not a party to the agreement and the agreement is consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity. The Commission unanimously voted to approve the agreement. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Commission approves the agreement.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 8th day of January, 2002.

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>Mildred Kolbo</u>
Date:	<u>1/9/02</u>
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