



INDEMNITY BOND TO THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

BOND NUMBER 40030524

We, S & S Communications, the principal and applicant for a CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY to resell long distance telecommunications services within the State of South Dakota, and UNDERWRITERS INSURANCE COMPANY as an admitted surety insurer, bind ourselves unto the Public, Utilities Commissions of the State of South Dakota and the consumers of South Dakota as Obligee, in the penal sum of Seventy Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00).

PROVIDED, the aggregate of the Surety for all transactions occurring during any one license year shall not exceed the amount of the bond, regardless of the number of claims or claimants.

The condition of the obligation Arc such that the principal, having been granted such CERTIFICATE Of AUTHORITY subject to the provision that said principal Purchases this Indemnity Bond, and if said Principal shall in all respects. fully and faithfully comply with all the applicable provisions of South Dakota State Law, and reimburse customers of principal for any prepayment or deposits they have made which may be unable Or unwilling to return to said customer as a result of insolvency of others. business failure, then this obligation shall be void, discharged and forever exonerated, otherwise to remain in full force, and effect.

This bond shall take effect as of the date hereon and shall remain in force and effect until, surety is released from liability by the written order to the Public Utilities Commission, provided that the surety may cancel this bond and relieved of further liability hereunder by-delivering thirty (30) days written notice to the, public Utilities Commission. Such cancellation shall not affect any liability incurred or accrued hereunder prior to the termination of said thirty (30) day period.

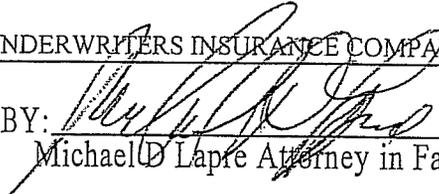
Dated this 23RD day of OCTOBER 2002

To be effective this 30TH day of OCTOBER 2002

S & S COMMUNICATIONS

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

UNDERWRITERS INSURANCE COMPANY

BY: 

Michael D Lapre Attorney in Fact

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**Platte River Insurance Company**  
 4610 University Ave., P.O. Box 5900 Madison, WI 53705-0900  
 Phone: (608) 231-4450 FAX: Claims (608) 231-3995

**RELEASE & ASSIGNMENT**

NAME AND ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL: S&S COMMUNICATIONS 125 RAILROAD AVE SE ABERDEEN SD 57401	BOND NUMBER: 40030524
NAME OF OBLIGEE: SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION	DATE REPORTED TO SURETY: 7/17/2003

In consideration of the payment of Seventy-five thousand dollars and no cents  
 (\$75,000.00)

by Platte River Insurance Company, as Surety, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the above named Claimant does hereby release, acquit, exonerate and discharge Platte River Insurance Company from all actions, suits, claims, damages and liabilities whatsoever on account of the claim filed for the loss sustained and reported on the above date by the above named Claimant on the above Bond.

The above named Claimant hereby acknowledges that Platte River Insurance Company is subrogated to all rights which the above named Claimant has against all persons, firms and corporations who caused, participated in or benefited from said loss; and, to secure said subrogation rights, the above named Claimant hereby assigns and transfers to Platte River Insurance Company as Surety, all rights of the above named Claimant against said persons, firms or corporations.

Signed, sealed and delivered this 23 day of October, 2003.

South Dakota Public Utilities Commission  
 ATTEST: (Name of Corporation)

[Signature]  
 Its Secretary Vice-Chairman

[Signature]  
 Its President Chairman

South Dakota Public Utilities Commission  
 (Trade Name of Partnership or Proprietorship)

WITNESS:

[Signature] (SEAL)  
 Partner or Owner Commissioner

Tina Douglas  
 TINA DOUGLAS