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Sent: Tuesday, January 03, 2006 6:12 PM
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Cc: Cremer, Karen
Subject: RE: CommPartners, LLC TC05-101

Mr. Knadle,

I'm afraid there may be some confusion in regards to CommPartners' pending application. Your questions appear to assume that CommPartners is seeking authority from the SD PUC for its VoIP services. This is not the case. CommPartners is seeking authority from the PUC to provide traditional circuit-switched telephony to both South Dakota businesses and residential consumers, as well as on a wholesale basis. CommPartners does not seek the PUC's authority to provide VoIP.

CommPartners' primary business is as a "carriers' carrier" providing origination and termination services to other certificated carriers and communications providers (including VoIP providers). Most of the traffic is traditional voice traffic, and some of it originates as VoIP. CommPartners is capable of distinguishing between each type of traffic. In order to provide a full suite of traditional telephony services to its customers, CommPartners needs the authority requested in Docket TC05-101 at the PUC. CommPartners does also provide hosted VoIP services, but as the PUC does not have jurisdiction over such services, CommPartners' application does not seek the PUC's approval for VoIP.

Should this change in the future, however, CommPartners will comply. In the meantime, CommPartners is complying with all FCC mandates concerning its VoIP services, including not provisioning service in areas that are not E911 compliant. For the more traditional services that CommPartners seeks the commission's authority, CommPartners has thus far been approved by thirty-seven state public utility commissions to provide local and intrastate circuit-switched telephone services. The application in TC05-101 merely seeks the same authority received from the other state commissions.

CommPartners will be happy to provide a witness via phone when required by the commission. If there are any questions, please let me or Andrew Ganz know. Thank you.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Bob.Knadle@state.sd.us [mailto:Bob.Knadle@state.sd.us]
Sent: Friday, December 09, 2005 11:20 AM
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Subject: CommPartners, LLC TC05-101

RE: In The Matter Of The Application Of CommPartners, LLC For A Certificate Of Authority To Provide Interexchange Telecommunications Services and Local Exchange Services In South Dakota Docket No. TC05-101

Dear Mr. Kristopher Twomey and Mr. Andrew Ganz:

Please provide responses to the following questions in regard to the above mentioned filing: