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August 11, 2006
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Ms. Patricia Van Gerpen
Executive Director
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
Capitol Building, 1st Floor
500 East Capitol Ave.
Pierre, SD 57501-5070

**RE: Withdrawal of Application of Ernest Communications, Inc. to Provide
Interexchange Telecommunications Services and Local Exchange Services in
South Dakota
Docket No. TC05-155**

ATTN: Bob Knadle

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Enclosed for filing are the original and ten (10) copies of this letter to withdraw the application of Ernest Communications, Inc. ("Ernest") for authority to provide interexchange and local exchange telecommunications services within South Dakota originally filed on August 10, 2005. The Company will resubmit its application at a later date once it is in a better position to satisfy the requirements identified by South Dakota staff.

Please acknowledge receipt of this filing by date stamping the extra copy of this cover letter and returning it to me in the self-addressed stamped envelope. Any questions you may have regarding this filing may be directed to me at (407) 740-3006 or via email at croesel@tminc.com.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Carey Roesel
Consultant to Ernest Communications, Inc.

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Enclosure

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