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SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)	JOINT MOTION FOR
SSTELECOM, INC. FOR AUTHORITY TO PRO-)	APPROVAL OF
VIDE COMPETITIVE LOCAL EXCHANGE)	SETTLEMENT STIPULATION
SERVICES IN EXCHANGES SERVED BY)	
QWEST)	DOCKET NO. TC05-223
)	

SSTelecom, Inc. (“SSTelecom”) and the Staff of the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (“Commission Staff”), jointly referred to herein as the “Parties,” hereby file the above referenced Motion for Approval of Settlement Stipulation with the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (the “Commission”). The Parties propose that the Commission adopt the attached Settlement Stipulation (the “Stipulation”) as the settlement and resolution of all issues in the proceeding relating to company specific cost based switched access rates as addressed in ARSD 20:10:27:11 and 20:10:27:12. In support of this Motion, the Parties submit as follows:

1. This motion is made pursuant to ARSD 20:10:01:19.
2. The parties move that SSTelecom be granted a waiver from the requirements of filing cost data in support of SSTelecom’s switched access services tariff attached to the Stipulation, as required by ARSD 20:10:27:07, for the time period covered by and for the reasons set forth in the Stipulation.
3. The parties move that SSTelecom be granted a waiver from the requirements of ARSD 20:10:27:12 for the time period covered by and for the reasons set forth in the attached Stipulation.

4. The parties move that SStelecom be granted authority to utilize the switched access rates identified in SStelecom's switched access services tariff attached to the Stipulation for the time periods identified therein.

5. This Stipulation resolves the issues in Docket TC05-223 relating to company specific cost based switched access rates.

6. The Stipulation represents a negotiated settlement of specific issues in this case. The terms of the Stipulation agreed upon are, to the belief of the Parties, just, fair, and reasonable and consistent with South Dakota law. The parties respectfully request the Commission approve the Stipulation.

For the foregoing reasons, the undersigned parties jointly request that the Commission adopt the attached Stipulation for the purpose of resolving the specific issues for use in setting the intrastate switched access rates of SStelecom, Inc. in docket TC05-223. Should the Commission fail to adopt the attached Stipulation, or modify the same, the parties shall, at their discretion, proceed with Docket TC05-223 as though no stipulation had been presented to this Commission.

Dated this 15 day of MAY, 2006.

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