

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

IN THE MATTER OF SPRINT	)	
COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY L.P.'S	)	
PETITION FOR AUTHORITY TO	)	DOCKET NO. TC06-178
PROVIDE LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE	)	
IN CERTAIN RURAL AREAS SERVED BY	)	
BROOKINGS MUNICIPAL UTILITIES	)	
D/B/A SWIFTEL COMMUNICATIONS	)	

**BROOKINGS MUNICIPAL UTILITIES D/B/A SWIFTEL COMMUNICATIONS  
PETITION TO INTERVENE**

Brookings Municipal Utilities d/b/a Swiftel Communications (Swiftel), hereby petitions to intervene as a party in this matter pursuant to ARSD 20:10:01:15.02 and 20:10:32:04. In support of this Petition, Swiftel states as follows:

1. In its Petition, Sprint Communications Company L.P. (Sprint) requests authority to provide local exchange service in the Brookings rate center served by Swiftel.
2. Swiftel is a telecommunications company that already holds a certificate of authority to provide local exchange service in the geographic area where Sprint seeks to provide local exchange service.
3. Swiftel, by this petition requests intervenor status in this proceeding.
4. ARSD 20:10:32:04 states that the commission “shall, upon request, grant each of the already certified telecommunications companies intervenor status in any commission proceeding held on the application.”

5. In addition, because Sprint's Petition seeks certification for local exchange services within Swiftel's service territory, Swiftel has an interest in and may be impacted by this proceeding.

6. Based on the foregoing, Swiftel is an interested party in this matter entitled to intervening party status.

WHEREFORE, Swiftel requests that the Commission grant its Petition and allow it to intervene and be granted party status in this proceeding.

Dated this 9th day of November, 2006.

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