

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

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**SOUTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY RC)
COMMUNICATIONS, INC. FOR AN EXEMP-)
TION FROM DEVELOPING COMPANY SPE-)
CIFIC COST-BASED SWITCHED ACCESS)
RATES.)**

**MOTION FOR
APPROVAL OF
SETTLEMENT STIPULATION
TC06-001**

The Staff of the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission Staff), hereby files the above referenced Motion and Settlement Stipulation with the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission). Commission Staff proposes that the Commission adopt the attached Settlement Stipulation (Stipulation) as the settlement and resolution of all the issues in this proceeding. In support of this Motion, Commission Staff submits as follows:

1. This motion is made pursuant to ARSD 20:10:01:19.
2. Commission Staff moves that RC Communications, Inc. (RCC) be granted a waiver from the requirements of filing cost data in support of RCC'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 RCC 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. This Stipulation resolves all of the Issues in Docket TC06-001.
5. The Stipulation represents a negotiated settlement of specific issues in this case. The terms of the Stipulation agreed upon are, to the belief of Commission Staff, just, fair, and rea-

sonable and consistent with South Dakota law. Commission Staff respectfully requests the Commission approve the Stipulation.

For the foregoing reasons, Commission Staff requests the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission to adopt the attached Stipulation for the purpose of resolving the specific issues for use in setting the intrastate switched access rates of RCC in docket TC06-001. Should the Commission fail to adopt the attached Stipulation, or modify the same, Commission Staff and RCC shall, at their discretion, proceed with Docket TC06-001 as though no stipulation had been presented to this Commission.

Dated this 7 day of April, 2006.

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