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Ms. Patricia Van Gerpen
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Re: Kennebec Telephone Company, Inc.'s Application for
Extension of Deadline for Filing of 2006 Cost Study
Our File No. 2044.04

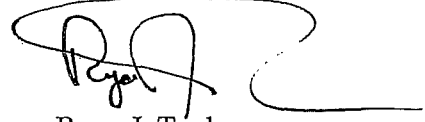
Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Please find enclosed for filing one original and eleven copies of Kennebec Telephone Company, Inc.'s Application for Extension of Deadline for Filing of 2006 Cost Study. Please return one file-stamped copy in the enclosed self-addressed, stamped envelope. Also please find enclosed a Certificate of Service signed by Ryan J. Taylor.

If you have any questions regarding this filing or require any clarification or further information, please feel free to contact me at your earliest convenience at (605) 335-4989. Thank you for your assistance and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

KENNEBEC TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC.'S APPLICATION FOR EXTENSION OF DEADLINE FOR FILING OF 2006 COST STUDY	Docket No. _____ PETITION
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COMES NOW Kennebec Telephone Company, Inc. (hereinafter "Kennebec") by and through its attorneys, Cutler & Donahoe, LLP, and for its Petition to request the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (hereinafter "Commission") to grant it an extension of the deadline for filing its 2006 cost study, states as follows:

1. A carrier's carrier is required to file cost data in support of its switched access service tariff no less than once every three years as required by ARSD § 20:10:27:07.

2. Carriers are required to file a cost study within six months of the close of the test year upon which the carrier is relying to support a change in switched access rates as required by ARSD § 20:10:27:14.

3. A carrier's carrier may request, and this Commission may grant, an extension of the six month filing period.

4. Kennebec filed a cost study on or about June 29, 2005, Docket TC05-095. While Kennebec is not required to file a 2006 cost study pursuant to ARSD §§ 20:10:27:07 and 20:10:27:14, it wishes to do so for the following reason:

- a. Significantly increased operating costs require changes in the switched access rates. Should Kennebec not be permitted to file a 2006 cost study, it will be adversely affected.

5. Kennebec hereby requests an extension of the six month filing period to file its 2006 cost study for the following reasons:

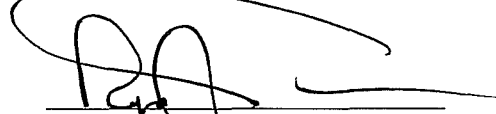
- a. Due to the new intercarrier compensation rules adopted by the FCC or the rule-making docket currently pending before this Commission, Kennebec anticipates there will be a change in the intrastate switched access rules in the near future. Kennebec, therefore, requests an extension of the six month filing deadline for submitting its 2006 cost study until such time as there is a clear indication of what will be required of carriers under the new switched access regime; and
- b. Kennebec is a member of the Local Exchange Carriers Association and currently negotiating with the Commission Staff and Intervenors in the 2005 cost study dockets for settlement of the 2005 cost study dockets, pending the events noted above. This settlement may include an agreement by individual carriers such as Kennebec to not file a 2006 cost study. Kennebec requests this extension both to permit the settlement negotiations to continue and to study the effects of a settlement, if one is reached, upon it.

6. Kennebec will retain its current access rates, pending the outcome of the above events, or until Kennebec files its 2006 cost study, pursuant to the granting of its request herein to extend the filing deadline.

WHEREFORE Kennebec respectfully requests the Commission to grant it an extension of the six month deadline for filing its 2006 cost study.

Dated this 26th day of June, 2006.

CUTLER & DONAHOE, LLP

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "RJ Taylor", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and includes a large loop at the end.

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