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INDEMNITY BOND
To the
PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

Bond No. 674009650

We, Embarq Communications, Inc., the principal and applicant for a CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY, for telecommunications services within the State of South Dakota, and Liberty Mutual Insurance Company, Boston, Massachusetts as an admitted surety insurer, bind ourselves unto the Public Utilities Commission of the State of South Dakota and the consumers of South Dakota as Obilgee, in the sum of \$25,000.00.

The conditions of the obligation are such that the principal, having been granted such CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY subject to the provision that said principal purchase this Indemnity Bond, and if said principal shall in all respects fully and faithfully comply with all applicable provisions of South Dakota State Law, and reimburse customers of Embarq Communications, Inc. for any prepayment or deposits they have made which may be unable or unwilling to return to said customers as a result of insolvency or other business failure, then this obligation shall be void, discharges and forever exonerated, otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

This bond shall take effect as of the date hereon and shall remain in force and effect until the surety is released from liability by the written order of the Public Utilities Commission, provided that the surety may cancel this Bond and be relieved of further liability hereunder by delivering thirty (30) days written notice to the Public Utilities Commission. Such cancellation shall not affect any liability incurred or accrued hereunder prior to the termination of said thirty (30) day period.

Dated this 9th day of June, 2006
To be effective this 9th day of June, 2006

*Original bond is
in Helvixes bottom
desk drawer.*

Embarq Communications, Inc.

Brent Vander Ark

BRENT VANDER ARK
DIR. TREASURY

Liberty Mutual Insurance Company

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Paige M. Turner, Attorney-in-Fact