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December 21, 2006

Ms. Patricia Van Gerpen  
Executive Director  
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission  
500 E. Capitol Avenue  
Pierre, SD 57501-5070

Re: *Request to Continue the Exemption Granted in TC02-082.*

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Please accept this correspondence as Reconex's request to continue the exemption granted in TC02-082 on April 8, 2003.

Reconex is seeking a limited waiver of the process of computing its own switched charges subject to the accounting and rate making determination of the Commission in ARSD 20:10:27 to 20:10:29. The cost based rate determination process is a long and costly process that would not benefit Reconex or South Dakota Consumers. Reconex wishes to mirror the rates of Qwest. These rates have already been approved by the Commission.

Should you have any questions or need further information, do not hesitate to contact me directly at (503) 982-5585 or via email at [jennifer.sikes@reconex.com](mailto:jennifer.sikes@reconex.com).

Sincerely,

Jennifer E. Sikes  
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