



December 14, 2007

VIA EMAIL

Patricia Van Gerpen  
Executive Director  
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission  
500 East Capitol Avenue  
Pierre, SD 57501

**RE: TC07-104 Petition for Exemption from Developing Company-Specific Cost-Based Switched Access Rates for PrairieWave Community Telephone, Inc.**

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Pursuant to ARSD 20:10:27:11 to 20:10:27:13, attached is a request that the Commission exempt PrairieWave Community Telephone, Inc. ("PrairieWave") from developing company-specific cost-based switched access rates.

If you have any questions, please contact me as indicated below. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kristie Lyngstad".

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

<b>IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF PRAIRIEWAVE COMMUNITY TELEPHONE, INC. TO BE EXEMPT FROM DEVELOPING COMPANY- SPECIFIC COST-BASED SWITCHED ACCESS RATES.</b>	) ) ) ) ) ) ) Docket No. TC07-104
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**PETITION FOR EXEMPTION**

On September 17, 2007, PrairieWave Community Telephone, Inc. ("PrairieWave") filed a petition pursuant to ARSD 20:10:27:11 to 20:10:27:13, requesting that the Commission exempt PrairieWave from developing company-specific cost-based switched access rates in 2007. PrairieWave makes this request based on the following:

1. The Commission approved PrairieWave's existing intrastate switched access rates on December 17, 2004, in Docket No. TC04-097, after a thorough review of the cost study filed by PrairieWave in that docket.
2. PrairieWave does not have internal expertise or resources necessary to determine cost-based intrastate access rates. It would have to employ the services of outside consultants which would be expensive and would not result in any meaningful benefit to the consumer.
3. PrairieWave understands that consistent with ARSD 20:10:27:07 it must file cost data support "no less than once every three years." PrairieWave further understands that that it is seeking an exemption from that requirement, but believes any exemption must be read in the context of the three year requirement. PrairieWave would expect to either file a new cost study or seek renewal of any exemption within that three year period.
4. The Commission has opened a rulemaking docket (RM05-002) to consider changes to the Commission's switched access rules. Until that docket is complete, PrairieWave believes it would be prudent and in the customers' best interests to allow PrairieWave to continue to charge the existing cost-based rates.

PrairieWave respectfully requests that the Commission grant this Petition.

Submitted this 14th day of December, 2007.

/s/ filed electronically

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Kristie Lyngstad hereby certify that on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of December 2007, I mailed by United States mail, first class postage prepaid, a true and correct copy of the Petition For Exemption by PrairieWave Community Telephone, Inc. in the above-captioned action to the following:

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