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RE: *TC07-111 through TC07-116*
Alltel Arbitrations

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Enclosed for filing in the above matter, please find Petitioners' Motion to Extend
Deadline for Filing of Direct Testimony.

As indicated above, these documents have been sent to you via electronic mail in PDF
form. If you have any questions or concerns regarding these documents, please do not hesitate to
contact me.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF
SANTEL COMMUNICATIONS
COOPERATIVE, INC FOR
ARBITRATION PURSUANT TO THE
TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996
TO RESOLVE ISSUES RELATING TO
AN INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT
WITH ALLTEL, INC.**

**DOCKET No. TC 07-115

MOTION TO EXTEND DEADLINE FOR
FILING OF DIRECT TESTIMONY**

COMES NOW Petitioner Santel Communications Cooperative, Inc. (“Petitioner”) and respectfully submits this Motion to Extend the Deadline for the Filing of its Direct Testimony.

On December 17, the parties in the above-captioned action agreed to and filed with this Commission a Stipulation for Scheduling Order (the “Scheduling Order”). See Stipulation and Scheduling Order filed December 17, 2007. The Scheduling Order specified that the parties simultaneously file their respective direct testimony on March 24, 2008. On March 17, 2008, Alltel filed a Motion to Compel seeking an order requiring Petitioner to provide certain discovery responses and extending the deadline for the filing of its direct testimony. The Motion to Compel is scheduled to be heard by this Commission on March 25, 2008. At this juncture, Petitioner anticipates that Alltel will not serve and file any of its direct testimony on March 24, 2008.

Accordingly, under these circumstances, Petitioner respectfully requests that this Commission allow it to delay the filing date for its testimony until it determines whether to grant Alltel’s Motion to compel discovery responses and extend the deadline for the filing of Alltel’s direct testimony. Should this Commission deny Alltel’s request to extend the deadline and order that it file its testimony immediately following the March 25 Commission meeting, Petitioner respectfully requests that it also be allowed to file its testimony at that time. Alternately, should this Commission allow an extension of the current testimony filing deadline, Petitioner respects an equivalent extension for the filing of its testimony. Petitioner believes this request is

necessary to ensure that neither party is given an unfair advantage through an opportunity to view the other party's testimony before finalizing and filing its own.

Dated this 24th day of March, 2008.

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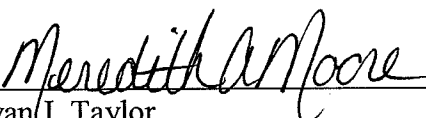
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