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December 28, 2007

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

RE: Sancom, Inc., d/b/a Mitchell Telecom, Petition for Continuation of Exemption of Filing  
Cost-based Rates & Revised Switched Access Rates

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen,

On behalf of Sancom, we petition to request a continuation of the current exemption of filing cost-based rates per Docket TC04-258 and we file the enclosed revised switched access services tariff for approval. The tariff revisions are being implemented to reduce Sancom's switched access rates by \$0.0075 per minute of use effective upon PUC approval in order to comply with the rate as required by the PUC Staff and other ILEC owned CLEC's Settlement Stipulation that was approved by the Commission in other dockets.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me at (605) 995-1750.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Doug Eidahl".

Doug Eidahl  
Vice President of Consulting  
Vantage Point Solutions

cc: Ryan Thompson

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF  
SANCOM, INC. FOR EXTENSION OF TIME OF  
EXEMPTION FROM DEVELOPING COMPANY  
SPECIFIC COST-BASED SWITCHED ACCESS  
RATES**

)      **Docket No. \_\_\_\_\_**  
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)      **REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF**  
)      **TIME OF EXEMPTION FROM**  
)      **DEVELOPING COST BASED**  
)      **SWITCHED ACCESS RATES**

Sancom, Inc. d/b/a Mitchell Telecom (Sancom) hereby requests that the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) grant an extension of its three-year exemption from developing company specific cost-based switched access rates as granted by the Commission in its final Order in TC04-258 dated December 29, 2004. This request is based on the following:

1. On May 7, 2004, Sancom filed an Application for a Certificate of Authority to provide telephone services in the Qwest South Dakota service areas. Within the application, Sancom applied for an exemption from developing intrastate switched access rates based on company specific costs. This Order was approved by the Commission on July 29, 2004, however the Order in TC04-090 was not clear whether the Commission also approved the application's request for an exemption from developing access rates based on cost.
2. On December 2, 2004, Sancom filed a petition for approval of its intrastate switched access Tariff No. 1 which was concurrent with the rates, terms, and conditions of the current LECA Tariff No. 1, with the exception of the switched access rates which were based upon a statewide average of the LECA cost members and a couple of other South Dakota companies that are not members of LECA in accordance with ARSD 20:10:27:12. It was noted that the exemption from developing intrastate switched access rates based on company specific costs was applied for in the Application for a Certificate of Authority in TC04-090.


3. On December 29, 2004, the Commission granted Sancom a three year exemption from cost based intrastate switched access rates and approved the tariff filing. In its Order, the Commission further ordered that "Sancom shall, within three years of the date of this Order, file a petition to continue the exemption granted in this proceeding or file cost-based intrastate switched access rates." (Order TC04-258). Pursuant to this Order, Sancom hereby requests an additional three year extension from developing company cost based switched access rates.
4. Sancom's business is still in its infancy and is still growing and evolving, which makes it very difficult to establish a "normal" year upon which to develop company specific costs. Producing a cost study for Sancom would be costly and consume a great deal of human and financial resources, which Sancom does not currently have. Further, Sancom is not seeking an increase in its intrastate switched access rates. Sancom will accept that its intrastate access rates be lowered by \$0.0075 per minute of use in order to be consistent with Commission precedent and match the rates approved for other ILEC owned rural CLECs in other Commission approved orders.

WHEREFORE, Sancom respectfully requests the Commission continue the exemption from developing company specific cost-based switched access rates for an additional period of three years, and for the Commission to approve the submitted intrastate switched access revisions to Tariff No. 1.

Respectfully submitted this 28 day of December, 2007.

Sancom, Inc.

By: \_\_\_\_\_

  
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**SOUTH DAKOTA SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICES**

- A. CONCURRENCE IN RATES, TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF LOCAL EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION, INC. TARIFF NO. 1**
1. Mitchell Telecom concurs in the rates, terms and conditions, except as noted below, of Local Exchange Carrier Association, Inc. Tariff No. 1 governing Intrastate Access Service as filed by the Local Exchange Carrier Association, Inc. in the State of South Dakota. Mitchell Telecom concurs in the current Local Exchange Carrier Association, Inc. Tariff No. 1 as of January 1, 2007, as shown by the attached TARIFF CHECKLIST (T) pages. The only exceptions to this concurrence are the attached pages 17-1 and 17-4, which replace the current Local Exchange Carrier Association, Inc. Tariff No. 1 pages 17-1 and 17-4.
  2. Mitchell Telecom hereby expressly reserves the right to cancel or void this statement of concurrence at any time consistent with state law and the best interests of Mitchell Telecom by filing a replacement tariff with the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission.

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SOUTH DAKOTA SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICES

17. Rates and Charges

17.1 Common Line Access Service

17.1.1 Carrier Common Line Access Service

Rate

Regulations concerning Carrier Common Line Access  
are set forth in Section 3. Preceding.

Per Access Minute

\$0.0548 (R)

17.1.2 Reserved for Future Use

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17. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

17.2 Switched Access Service

17.2.1 <u>Nonrecurring Charges</u>	<u>Rate</u>
(A) <u>Local Transport Element- Installation Per Line or Trunk</u>	\$295.00
(B) <u>Reserved for Future Use</u>	
(C) <u>Interim NXX Translation Per Order</u>	\$181.00

Per LATA or Market Area

17.2.2 Traffic Sensitive

Local Switching (End Office)

Per Access Minute \$0.0231 (R)

Local Transport

Per Access Minute \$0.0371 (I)

Network Blocking Per Blocked Call

Applies to FGD only \$0.0271

8XX Data Base Query Service

Per Query

Basic \$0.0079

Vertical Feature \$0.0082

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