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Patty Van Gerpen, Executive Director
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RE: Petition of **Brookings/Swiftel** for Suspension of Modification of Section
251(b)(2) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended TC08-017

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Enclosed for filing please find the Sprint's Response to Swiftel's Opposition to Sprint's Intervention in the above-entitled matter. By copy of same, all parties have been served electronically.

If you have any questions, please call me.

Sincerely,



Talbot J. Wiczorek

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

In the Matter of the Petition of Brookings)
Municipal Utilities D/B/A Swiftel) DOCKET TC 08-017
Communications for Suspension or)
Modification of Section 251(b)(2) of the)
Communications Act of 1934,)
as amended)

SPRINT’S RESPONSE TO SWIFTEL’S OPPOSITION TO SPRINT’S INTERVENTION

Brookings Municipal Utilities d/b/a Swiftel Communications (hereinafter “Swiftel”) filed a Suspension proceeding on February 8, 2008. One of the obligations sought to be suspended was Swiftel’s obligation to provide local number portability (LNP) to interconnected voice over internet protocol (VoIP) providers. Because Sprint Communications Company, LP (hereinafter “Sprint”) has pending various matters in front of the Commission, specifically a request to provide competitive local exchange services in the Swiftel service area (TC06-178) and a petition for arbitration with Swiftel (TC06-176) and, Sprint’s partner in the joint provisioning of service using a fixed interconnection VoIP component, Mediacom, has pending in front of this Commission a request to provide competitive local exchange services in Swiftel’s area (TC06-188), Sprint sought intervention.

Swiftel has now filed an Opposition to Sprint’s intervention in this proceeding, claiming that while Sprint will be using a fixed interconnected VoIP component to provide service because Sprint is a telecommunications carrier, this proceeding does not somehow impact it. Sprint disagrees with this position as set forth by Swiftel. Clearly, Swiftel’s petition for suspension or modification seeks to modify or suspend Swiftel’s obligations to interconnected

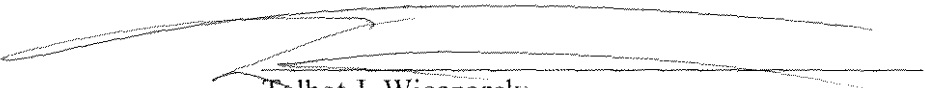
VoIP services. Such an outcome would directly impact Sprint's ability to offer the competitive services it seeks to offer pursuant to the business model that Sprint has utilized in multiple jurisdictions.

WHEREFORE, print's motion to intervene must be granted under A.R.S.D.

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Dated this 24 day of March, 2008.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that on this 24th day of March 2008, a copy of Sprint's Response to Swiftel's Opposition to Sprint's Intervention was served electronically and by first-class mail to:

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