BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT OF KENNEBEC TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC. AGAINST ALLTEL COMMUNICATIONS, INC. FOR NONPAYMENT OF TRANSITING CHARGES

TCO8-031
ALLTEL COMMUNICATIONS, INC.'S
MOTION FOR SUMMARY
JUDGMENT BASED UPON LACK
OF SUBJECT MATTER JURISDICTION

COMES NOW Alltel Communications, LLC (hereinafter "Alltel") by and through its counsel of record, Talbot J. Wieczorek of Gunderson, Palmer, Nelson & Ashmore, LLP, and hereby submits Alltel Communications, Inc.'s Motion for Summary Judgment Based Upon Lack of Subject Matter Jurisdiction. The South Dakota Public Utilities Commission's (hereinafter "Commission") jurisdictional authority is expressly limited to the powers conferred upon it by statute. The Commission does not have subject matter jurisdiction over this transiting charge dispute because it has not been afforded the statutory authority to adjudicate claims for implied contract or unjust enrichment. Furthermore, while Alltel steadfastly maintains Kennebec Telephone Company, Inc.'s ("Kennebec"), claims lack merit; resolution contrary to Alltel's position would place the Commission in a position where it would be required to determine the appropriate rate for transiting services. However, the Commission lacks jurisdiction to determine transiting rates because Kennebec is exempt from Commission rate regulation pursuant to S.D.C.L. § 41-39-5.1. Therefore, Kennebec's Complaint is properly dismissed as this Commission lacks subject matter jurisdiction over the issues raised therein.

Alltel respectfully requests that this Commission summarily dismiss Kennebec's Complaint as the Commission lacks subject matter jurisdiction over the issues raised therein. A

Memorandum in Support and Statement of Material Facts have been filed simultaneously and are incorporated herein through this reference.

Dated this __/5 day of January, 2010.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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