THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING
BY VCI COMPANY FOR DESIGNATION
AS AN ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS
CARRIER

TC04-225

Transcript of Proceedings
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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION,

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İ	22	Docket's ruled on and approved we just supply them		
	23	with that information.	23	
l	24	MS. AILTS WIEST: And that's usually	24	
Ì	25	sufficient?	25	
.		6	1	8 STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA)
	1	MR. EFFERDING: Yes.	2	:SS CERTIFICATE
	2	MS. AILTS WIEST: Because I was		
	3	looking through the rules, and it seemed like the	3	COUNTY OF HUGHES)
			4	
	4	two processes were really distinct. The	5	I, CHERI MCCOMSEY WITTLER, a Registered
ļ	5	certification was really for high-cost support as	6	Professional Reporter and Notary Public in and for the
	6	opposed to reimbursement for Lifeline and Link-up.	7	State of South Dakota:
	1	I just wanted to double-check with that.	8	DO HEREBY CERTIFY that as the duly-appointed
	8	MR. EFFERDING: Sure.	9	shorthand reporter, I took in shorthand the proceedings
	9	CHAIRMAN HANSON: Thank you,	10	had in the above-entitled matter on the 10th day of
	10	Rolayne. Anything further by staff on this item?	11	May 2005, and that the attached is a true and
	11	If not, is there a Motion?	12	correct transcription of the proceedings so taken.
	12	COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: Mr. Chairma	13	Dated at Pierre, South Dakota this 26th day
	13	I would ask I just want to make sure from	1	
	14	Ms. Wiest that the Motion listed on the agenda is	14	of May 2005.
	15	still appropriate, she wouldn't suggest any	15	
	16	amendments to that.	16	1
	17	CHAIRMAN HANSON: Okay. If you	17	Chrismo Congress With
	1		18	Cheri McComsey Witter, Notary Public and
	18	could speak up just a little more, Dusty, on your	19	Registered Professional Reporter
	19	questions. Appreciate it.	20	
	20	MS. AILTS WIEST: I believe the	21	
	21	Motion might be that the Commission would approve	22	
,	22	designating VCI as an ETC for its requested ETC	23	
	23	service area and to the extent it's needed it would	24	
	24	provide certification.	25	
	25	COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: Okay. I	1	

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