BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING FOR APPROVAL OF A RECIPROCAL INTERCONNECTION, TRANSPORT AND TERMINATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN WWC LICENSE, LLC AND TRI-COUNTY TELCOM, INC.	)	ORDER APPROVING AGREEMENT TC04-016

On February 4, 2004, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing for approval of a reciprocal interconnection, transport and termination agreement between WWC License, LLC (WWC) and Tri-County Telcom, Inc. (Tri-County).

On February 5, 2004, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of this filing to interested individuals and entities. The notice stated that any person wishing to comment on the parties' request for approval had until February 24, 2004, to do so. No comments were filed.

At its duly noticed March 2, 2004, meeting, the Commission considered whether to approve the agreement between Tri-County and WWC. Commission Staff recommended approval.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-31, and the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996. In accordance with 47 U.S.C. § 252(e)(2), the Commission found that the agreement does not discriminate against a telecommunications carrier that is not a party to the agreement and the agreement is consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity. The Commission unanimously voted to approve the agreement. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Commission approves the agreement.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 5th day of March, 2004.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, by facsimile or by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.

By: Delaine Kolbo

Date: 3/5/04

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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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ROBERT K. SAHR, Chairman

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