BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF SANTEL COMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE, INC. FOR SUSPENSION OF INTERMODAL LOCAL NUMBER PROTABILITY OBLIGATIONS	)))))	ORDER GRANTING INTERIM SUSPENSION PENDING FINAL DECISION TC04-038

On February 25, 2004, Santel Communications Cooperative, Inc. (Santel) filed a petition requesting the Commission to grant a suspension to Santel from porting numbers, wireline-to-wireless, as may be requested by Commercial Mobile Radio Services (CMRS) providers.

On February 26, 2004, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of March 12, 2004, to interested individuals and entities. WWC License LLC d/b/a CellularOne (Western Wireless) filed to intervene on March 8, 2004, and Midcontinent Communications (Midcontinent) and the South Dakota Telecommunications Association (SDTA) filed to intervene on March 11, 2004. On March 18, 2004, the Commission received an Amended Petition for Suspension of Intermodal Local Number Porting Obligations from Santel. At a regularly scheduled meeting of March 23, 2004, the Commission granted intervention to Western Wireless, Midcontinent and SDTA.

The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26 and 49-31.

At a regularly scheduled meeting of April 6, 2004, the Commission heard arguments from Santel, Western Wireless, Midcontinent and SDTA regarding Santel's request for an order granting interim suspension. Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 251(f)(2) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 and SDCL 49-31-80, the Commission voted to grant the request for an interim suspension order pending final decision. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the request for an interim suspension order pending final decision is hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 19th day of April, 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: 4/20/04

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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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