

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF)	ORDER APPROVING
SWITCHED ACCESS REVENUE)	SETTLEMENT STIPULATION
REQUIREMENT FOR CITY OF BROOKINGS)	AND ORDER DISMISSING
MUNICIPAL TELEPHONE DEPARTMENT)	AND CLOSING DOCKET
)	TC06-076

On June 30, 2006, the City of Brookings Municipal Telephone Department (Brookings) filed for approval by the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) its 2005 Intrastate Switched Access Cost Study.

On July 6, 2006, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of July 21, 2006, to interested individuals and entities. August 1, 2006, the Commission received a Petition to Intervene from AT&T Communications of the Midwest, Inc. (AT&T).

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 1-26-17.1, 49-1A-9, 49-31-12.6, 49-31-18, 49-31-19 and ARSD 20:10:01:15.02, 20:10:01:15.05, 20:10:27:07 and 20:10:27:08. At a regularly scheduled meeting of August 23, 2006, the Commission found that the Petition to Intervene demonstrated good cause to grant intervention and unanimously voted to grant the Petition to Intervene.

LECA, AT&T and Staff held several negotiating sessions in an effort to arrive at a joint and acceptable resolution of all of the outstanding cost study dockets. As a result of said negotiations, the outstanding issues in the 2004, 2005 and 2006 cost study dockets were resolved and the parties have entered into a Settlement Stipulation. On November 8, 2006, the parties filed the Settlement Stipulation with the Commission requesting approval of the stipulation.

At its regularly scheduled meeting of November 14, 2006, the Commission considered whether to approve the Settlement Stipulation and dismiss and close this docket. The Commission voted unanimously to approve the Settlement Stipulation and dismiss and close the docket. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Settlement Stipulation is hereby approved and the docket is dismissed and closed.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 4th day of December, 2006.

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: <u><i>Arlaine Kolbs</i></u>
Date: <u>12/6/06</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Dustin Johnson
DUSTIN M. JOHNSON, Commissioner

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Commissioner