

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

<b>IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF )</b>	<b>ORDER GRANTING</b>
<b>SPRINT COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY L.P. )</b>	<b>INTERVENTION</b>
<b>FOR AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE LOCAL )</b>	
<b>EXCHANGE SERVICES IN CERTAIN RURAL )</b>	<b>TC06-178</b>
<b>AREAS SERVED BY BROOKINGS MUNICIPAL )</b>	
<b>UTILITIES D/B/A SWIFTEL COMMUNICATIONS )</b>	

On October 20, 2006, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an Application from Sprint Communications Company L.P. (Sprint) for authority to provide local exchange services in certain rural areas served by Brookings Municipal Utilities d/b/a Swiftel Communications (Swiftel).

On October 26, 2006, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of November 10, 2006, to interested individuals and entities. South Dakota Telecommunications Association (SDTA) filed to intervene on November 7, 2006. Swiftel filed to intervene on November 9, 2006.

The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26 and 49-31 and ARSD 20:10:01:15.05.

At a regularly scheduled meeting of November 14, 2006, the Commission found that Swiftel's Petition to Intervene was timely filed and demonstrated good cause to grant intervention. The Commission granted intervention to Swiftel.

The Petition to Intervene of SDTA was deferred.

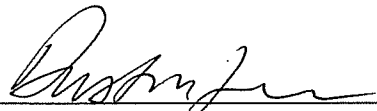
It is therefore


ORDERED, that the Petition to Intervene of Swiftel is hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 4<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2006.

<b>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</b>
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>Ailsine Kalbo</u>
Date: <u>12/5/06</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

  
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DUSTIN M. JOHNSON, Commissioner

  
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GARY HANSON, Commissioner