

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

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

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. Swiftel was granted intervention. SDTA was granted intervention subject to certain restrictions. On March 30, 2007, the Commission issued an Order Setting Procedural Schedule; Order for and Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing to be held on June 28, 2007. On May 4, 2007, the Commission received a Joint Motion for Delay of Hearing. At its regularly scheduled meeting of May 22, 2007, the Commission unanimously voted to grant the Joint Motion for Delay of Hearing. On July 5, 2007, the Commission received a Joint Motion for Delay of Hearing.

At its July 11, 2007, meeting, the Commission considered the Joint Motion for Delay of Hearing. Commission Staff recommended approval. The Commission unanimously voted to grant the Joint Motion for Delay of Hearing.

The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26 and 49-31, specifically SDCL 49-31-69 through 49-31-75, inclusive. The Commission may rely upon any or all of these or other laws of this state in making its determination. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Joint Motion for Delay of Hearing is hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 26th day of July, 2007.

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, electronically.
By: <u> Rebecca Kolbe </u>
Date: <u> 7/26/07 </u>
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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DUSTIN M. JOHNSON, Chairman *dk*

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GARY HANSON, Commissioner

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