BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF SPRINT COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY L.P. FOR AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICES IN CERTAIN RURAL AREAS SERVED BY INTERSTATE TELECOMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE, INC.	)	**ORDER GRANTING JOINT MOTION FOR DELAY OF HEARING** **TC06-180**

On October 24, 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 Interstate Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc. (ITC).

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. ITC filed to intervene on November 8, 2006. ITC 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 26, 2007. On May 4, 2007, the Commission received a Joint Motion for Delay of Hearing.

At its May 22, 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 19th day of June, 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: Delaine Kolbo

Date: 6/20/07

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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

DUSTIN M. JOHNSON, Chairman

GARY HANSON, Commissioner

STEVE KOLBECK, Commissioner