BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY SPRINT COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY L.P. FOR APPROVAL OF ITS INTRASTATE SWITCHED ACCESS TARIFF AND RATES AND FOR AN EXEMPTION FROM DEVELOPING COMPANY SPECIFIC COST-BASED SWITCHED ACCESS RATES	))))))	**ORDER APPROVING TARIFF AND RATES AND GRANTING PETITION FOR WAIVER** **TC07-091**

On August 15, 2007, Sprint Communications Company L.P. (Sprint) filed an intrastate switched access tariff. Sprint filed the tariff with a proposed effective date of September 6, 2007. On August 24, 2007, the Commission received a request from Sprint for an exemption from developing company specific cost-based switched access rates.

On September 25, 2007, the Commission considered Sprint's request for approval of its intrastate switched access tariff and a composite rate, an exemption from establishing switched access rates based on company specific costs, a waiver of the use of the formula in ARSD 20:10:27:12 and ARSD 20:10:27:13, so as to mirror the Qwest Corporation tariffed access rates and a waiver of ARSD 20:10:27:07. The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-31-18, 49-31-19 and ARSD 20:10:27. The Commission voted to grant the petition for exemption from developing company-specific, cost-based switched access rates pursuant to ARSD 20:10:27:11, grant a waiver of the use of the formula in ARSD 20:10:27:12 and ARSD 20:10:27:13, so as to mirror the Qwest Corporation tariffed access rates, grant a waiver of ARSD 20:10:27:07, and approve Sprint's intrastate switched access tariff and a composite rate. It is therefore

ORDERED, that Sprint's petition to be exempt from establishing company specific cost-based switched access rates pursuant to ARSD 20:10:27:11 is granted, waivers of ARSD 20:10:27:07, ARSD 20:10:27:12 and ARSD 20:10:27:13 are granted, that Sprint be allowed to mirror Qwest Corporation's switched access rates and file adjustments to its switched access rates so long as those adjustments either mirror Qwest Corporation's rates or are lower or until the Commission shall otherwise order, and that Sprint's intrastate switched access tariff and a composite rate are approved, effective September 6, 2007, subject to these conditions.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 2nd day of October, 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: 10/2/07

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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

DUSTIN M. JOHNSON, Chairman

GARY HANSON, Commissioner

STEVE KOLBECK, Commissioner