

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

<b>IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF )</b>	<b>ORDER GRANTING MOTION</b>
<b>SPRINT COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY L.P. )</b>	<b>TO WITHDRAW</b>
<b>FOR AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE LOCAL )</b>	
<b>EXCHANGE SERVICES IN CERTAIN RURAL )</b>	<b>TC06-180</b>
<b>AREAS SERVED BY INTERSTATE )</b>	
<b>TELECOMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE, INC. )</b>	

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 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 meeting on July 11, 2007, the Commission granted the Joint Motion for Delay of Hearing. On January 11, 2008, the Commission received a Joint Motion for Delay of Hearing.

At its January 29, 2008, meeting, the Commission unanimously voted to grant the Joint Motion for Delay of Hearing. On May 13, 2008, the Commission received a Motion to Request the Commission Enter a Protective Order. At its May 20, 2008, meeting, the Commission unanimously voted to grant the Motion to Request the Commission Enter a Protective Order. On July 1, 2008, the Commission received a Motion for Delay of Hearing signed by the parties. At its July 8, 2008, meeting, the Commission unanimously voted to grant the Motion for Delay of Hearing. On November 17, 2008, the Commission received Sprint's Motion to Withdraw.

At its November 25, 2008, meeting, the Commission considered Sprint's Motion to Withdraw. Commission Staff recommended approval. The Commission unanimously voted to grant Sprint's Motion to Withdraw.

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 Sprint's Motion to Withdraw is hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 9<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2008.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p>By: <u>          Steve Kolbeck          </u></p> <p>Date: <u>          12/9/08          </u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(OFFICIAL SEAL)</p>
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

          Gary Hanson            
GARY HANSON, Chairman

          Steve Kolbeck            
STEVE KOLBECK, Commissioner

          Dustin Johnson            
DUSTIN M. JOHNSON, Commissioner