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# SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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#### VIA OVERNIGHT DELIVERY

Mr. William Bullard Executive Director South Dakota Public Utilities Commission 500 East Capitol Avenue Ave-Pierre, SD 57501-5070 (605) 773-3201

Re:

NECC Telecom, Inc.

Dear Mr. Bullard:

Enclosed please find one original and ten (10) copies of NECC Telecom, Inc.'s Application for Registration of a Telecommunications Company.

I have also enclosed a check in the amount of \$250.00 payable to the "South Dakota Public Utilities Commission" for the filing fee, and an extra copy of this cover letter to be date stamped and returned to me in the enclosed self-addressed prepaid envelope.

If you have any questions or if I may provide you with any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully subpritted,

Lance J.M. Steinhart

Attorney for NECC Telecom, Inc.

**Enclosures** 

cc: Lucia Popa

# APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF NECC TELECOM, INC. FILED WITH THE SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

| IN THE MATTER OF THE   | ) | 1          | RECEIVED                                 |
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| APPLICATION OF NECC TELECOM, INC.  | ) |            | AUG 2 3 2002                             |
| FOR AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE REGISTRATION OF APPLICANT AS A TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANY | ) | Docket No. | SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION |

#### APPLICATION

Application is hereby made to the South Dakota Public
Utilities Commission for an Order authorizing NECC Telecom, Inc.
("Applicant") to register as a telecommunications company within the State of South Dakota. The following information is furnished in support thereof:

1. Name, Address and Telephone Number of Applicant:

NECC Telecom, Inc.

1209 Windmill Lane

Jeffersonville, Indiana 47130

Telephone: (812) 284-2819

Toll-Free Customer Service: (800) 766-2642

2. The name under which the Applicant will provide these services if different than in 1. above:

NECC Telecom, Inc.

#### 3. Applicant's corporate information:

Applicant was organized in the State of Indiana on January 28, 2002. A copy of the Applicant's Articles of Incorporation is attached hereto as Exhibit A. A copy of Applicant's Certificate of Authority to transact business as a foreign corporation in the State of South Dakota is attached hereto as Exhibit B.

The Applicant has no principal office in South Dakota. The name and address of the Applicant's registered agent is:

TCS Corporate Services, Inc.

C/O Marilyn Person

819 West Third

Pierre, South Dakota 57501

The names and address of each corporation, association, partnership, cooperative, or individual holding a 20% or greater ownership or management interest in the Applicant corporation and the amount and character of the ownership or management interest are as follows:

| Name and Address | Shares Owned | Percentage of all Shares<br>Issued and Outstanding<br>and Voting Control |
|------------------|--------------|--|
| Daniel Popa      | 100          | 100%   |

All of the above can be reached through the company as set forth in Section 1 above.

#### 4. Partnership Information:

Not Applicable.

#### 5. <u>Description of Services Applicant intends to offer:</u>

Applicant is a reseller which intends to offer interexchange services, including 1+ and 101XXXX outbound dialing, 800/888 toll-free inbound dialing, directory assistance, data services and travel card service.

#### 6. Means by which the Applicant intends to provide services:

Applicant does not own or maintain any transmission facilities or switching equipment in the State of South Dakota. The Applicant will provide services through Global Crossing, its underlying carriers. As a reseller, Applicant has no points of presence in the State of South Dakota, thus Applicant neither owns, leases, nor operates any switching, transmission, or other physical facilities in the State of South Dakota, and no such facilities will be used by Applicant in providing service in the State of South Dakota. Rather, Applicant will be engaged in reselling services provided by facilities-based carriers within the State of South Dakota.

#### 7. Geographic Areas in which services will be offered:

Applicant intends to provide services on a statewide basis.

#### 8. Financial Qualifications:

Applicant is financially qualified to provide intrastate interexchange telecommunications services within South Dakota. In particular, Applicant has adequate access to the capital necessary to fulfill any obligations it may undertake with

respect to the provision of intrastate telecommunications services in the State of South Dakota. See Exhibit C, which is attached hereto, Applicant's Balance Sheet as of June 30, 2002 and Profit and Loss Statement for the period ending June 30, 2002, which demonstrates that Applicant has the financial ability to provide the services that it proposes to offer. Applicant hereby respectfully requests awaiver of ARSD 20:10:24:02(8) to the extent is requires applicant to file a current cash flow statements, since it is not prepaid by the company.

### Applicant's complaints and regulatory matters contact and 9. how Applicant handles customer billings and customer service matters.

All inquiries regarding regulatory matters should be addressed to:

Daniel Popa, President

1209 Windmill Lane

Jeffersonville, Indiana 47130

Telephone: (812) 284-2819 Facsimile: (812) 280-8712 E-Mail: userpo6788@aol.com

All inquiries regarding complaints should be addressed to:

Ramona Cean, Director of Customer Service Operation

1209 Windmill Lane

Jeffersonville, Indiana 47130

Telephone: (812) 284-2819; (800) 766-2642 (toll-free)

(812) 280-8712 Facsimile:

E-Mail: Ramona.cean@necc.us

The Applicant's customers will be direct billed utilizing "real-time" completed call detail information from Applicant's underlying carriers. Applicant's toll-free number will be on all invoices and customer service will be provided in-house by the Applicant.

#### 10. Regulatory Status:

Applicant is currently in the process of obtaining all required authorizations from the state regulatory agencies.

Applicant is currently authorized to provide service in Iowa, Michigan, Montana, New Jersey, Texas, Utah and Virginia.

The Applicant is in good standing with the appropriate regulatory agency in the states where it is registered or certified. The Applicant has never been denied registration or certification nor withdrawn its request for registration or certification in any state.

#### 11. Description of Marketing

Applicant intends to market its services to primarily to residential customers and to small to mid-sized businesses. All sales personnel will have telecommunications service experience. Applicant will market through direct sales by employees and agents. Applicant does not intend to engage in multilevel marketing at this time. Applicant's marketing materials are currently being developed and are not available at this time.

#### 12. Cost Support:

Applicant intends to provide services at a price above its cost.

#### 13. Federal Tax Identification Number:

30-0025116

14. The Number and Nature of Complaints filed against the Applicant with any state or federal regulatory commission regarding the unauthorized switching of a customer's telecommunications provider and the act of charging customers for services that have not been ordered:

None

#### 15. Tariff

A copy of Applicant's proposed tariff is attached hereto as Exhibit E.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned Applicant requests that the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission enter an order granting this application.  $\wedge$ 

DATED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of

2002.

NECC Telecom, Inc.

1720 Windward Concourse Suite 250 Alpharetta, Georgia 30005 (770) 232-9200

#### State of Indiana

#### County of Clark

Daniel Popa, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that he/she is the President of NECC Telecom, Inc., the Applicant in the proceeding entitled above, that he/she has read the foregoing application and knows the contents thereof; that the same are true of his/her knowledge, except as to matters which are therein stated on information or belief, and to those matters he/she believes them to be true.

Daniel Popa President

Subscribed and sworn to before this 19 day of 405, 2002.

May E. Rendan Notary Public

My Commission expires: NOTARY PUBLIC OAKLAND CO., MY COMMISSION EXPIRES Jan 24, 25

#### LIST OF EXHIBITS

- A ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
- B CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY
- C MARKETING MATERIAL
- D FINANCIAL INFORMATION
- E PROPOSED TARIFF

#### EXHIBIT A - ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

# STATE OF INDIANA OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE CERTIFICATE OF EXISTENCE

To Whom These Presents Come, Greeting:

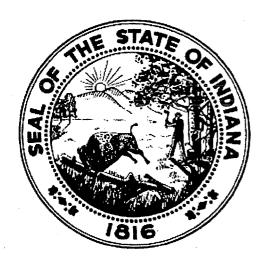
I, SUE ANNE GILROY, Secretary of State of Indiana, do hereby certify that I am, by virtue of the laws of the State of Indiana, the custodian of the corporate records and the proper office to execute this certificate.

I further certify that records of this office disclose that

#### NECC TELECOM, INC.

duly filed the requisite documents to commence business activities under the laws of the State of Indiana on January 28, 2002, and was in existence or authorized to transact business in the State of Indiana on May 1, 2002.

I further certify this For-Profit Domestic Corporation has filed its most recent report required by Indiana law with the Secretary of State, or is not yet required to file such report, and that no notice of withdrawal, dissolution or expiration has been filed or taken place.

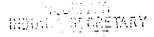


In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the State of Indiana, at the City of Indianapolis, this First day of May, 2002.

SUE ANNE GILROY, Secretary of State

- Sue anne Litray

## APPROVED FILED IMO, SECRETARY OF STATE





### ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

Sign Form 4153 (R10 / 6-95)
Approved by State Board of Accounts 1985

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SUE ANNE GILROY
SECRETARY OF STATE
CORPORATIONS DIVISION
JOS W. Washington St., Rm. E018
Indisrepolis, IN 46204
Telophone: (317) 232-6576

ZIP code

Address (number, street, city and state)

INSTRUCTIONS Uso 8 1/2" x 11" white paper for insens.
Prevent original and two (2) copies to eddress in upper right cornor of this form.

The undersigned, desiring to form a corporation (hereinafter referred to as "Corporation") pursuant to the provisions of

PIREST TYPE OF PRINT.

Upon completion of filing, the Secretary of State will lasve a receipt.

Indiana Code 23-1-21-2 FILING FEE: \$80.00

| indiana Business Corporation Low As amended, executes the following Articles of Incorporation:                 |  | Indiana Professional Corporation Act 1983, Indiana Code 23-1,5-1-1, et seg. (Professional corporations must include Certificate of Registration.) |   |                 |                       |
|--|--|---|---|-----------------|-----------------------|
| Name of Corporation (the name must include the   | ARTICLET - NAME AND WOOD OF THE COMPOSE OF THE COMP | D'PRINCIPAL OFFIC<br>tea", "Liniled", "Com  | pany or an abbrevial                    | ion thereof.)   |                       |
| Principal Office: The address of the principal of  | ffice of the Corporation is: 1   | 09 WIN  | DMILL L.                                | 4NE             |                       |
| Post office address  |  | JEFF  | ERSONVILL                               |                 | 47130                 |
|  | ARTICLE II - REGISTERE   | O OFFICE AND AC   | FNT                                     |                 | to all particular and |
| Registered Agent: The name and street addroi   |  |   |   | e of process at | c:                    |
| Name of Registered Agent POPA  | O I II a Golpo a II a I a I a I a I a I a I a I a I a  |   |   |                 |                       |
| Address of Registered Office (alreal or building) 1209 WIHDWILL  | LH   | SEFF  | eroonville                              | 2 Indiana       | 4713 O                |
| Number of shares the Corporation is multiple   | ARTICLE III - AUTH   | 2   |   |                 | PENDINA "             |
|  |  |   |   |                 |                       |
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|  | ARTICLE IV - INC<br>ma(s) and addross(os) of the   |   |   |                 |                       |
|  |  | CORPORATORS   |   | STATE           | ZIP CODE              |
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| In Witness whereof, the undersigned to white, subject to penalties of perjury. In                              | ARTICLE IV - INC IND(S) and addross(cs) of the NUMBER AND STREE OR BUILDING  12.09 Wind Mi   | CORPORATORS incorporators of the TLLLW JEF. If sale Corporation d herein are true.  | exacute linese Artic                    | STAYE ///       | 21P CODE<br>47/30     |
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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

#### EXHIBIT B - CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY



## OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

## **Certificate of Authority**

**ORGANIZATIONAL ID #: FB026432** 

I, JOYCE HAZELTINE, Secretary of State of the State of South Dakota, hereby certify that the Application for a Certificate of Authority of NECC TELECOM, INC. (IN) to transact business in this state duly signed and verified pursuant to the provisions of the South Dakota Corporation Acts, have been received in this office and are found to conform to law.

**ACCORDINGLY** and by virtue of the authority vested in me by law, I hereby issue this Certificate of Authority and attach hereto a duplicate of the application to transact business in this state.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, at Pierre, the Capital, this July 16, 2002.

Joyce Hazeltine Secretary of State

# Secretary of State

State Capitol, Ste 204 500 East Capitol Avenue Pierre, South Dakota 57501-5070 sdsos@state.sd.us



JOYCE HAZELTINE

Secretary of State

TOM LECKEY Deputy

To:

NECC TELECOM, INC. SERBAN APOSTOLINA

1607 E BIG BEAVER RD STE 250

TROY MI 48083

From: Secretary of State Joyce Hazeltine

Corporations Division

Date:

July 16, 2002

Re:

NECC TELECOM, INC. (IN)

Foreign Certificate of Authority

The application for certificate of authority has been received and filed for the NECC TELECOM, INC. (IN).

Enclosed is the Certificate attached to the duplicate application along with a receipt for the filing fee of \$90 1,000 a @ \$1...

SDCL: 47-9-3 requires the filing of a corporate annual report with our office between the anniversary date of qualification and prior to the first day of the second month following. The report is due the year following qualification. An annual report form will be mailed to the corporate address listed in number five on the application for timely filing. Please contact our office if the corporate address changes or if the form is not received.

Thank you.

(605) 773-4422

## EXHIBIT C - MARKETING MATERIAL Not Available

#### EXHIBIT D - FINANCIAL INFORMATION

## NECC TELECOM, INC Balance Sheet

|                                 | Actual     |
|---------------------------------|------------|
|                                 | Jun 30, 02 |
| ASSETS                          |            |
| Current Assets                  |            |
| Checking/Savings                | 4,965.92   |
| Accounts Receivable             | 272,423.70 |
| Fixed Assets                    |            |
| Accumulated Depreciation        | -22,592.00 |
| Furniture, Fixtures & Equipment | 34,900.76  |
| Intangible Asset                | 15,000.00  |
| Leasehold Improvement           | 517.90     |
| Office Equipment                |            |
| Computers                       | 6,341.56   |
| Telephone System                | 11,153.04  |
| Total Office Equipment          | 17,494.60  |
| Total Fixed Assets              | 45,321.26  |
| TOTAL ASSETS                    | 322,710.88 |
|                                 |            |
|                                 |            |
| LIABILITIES & EQUITY            | •          |
| Liabilities                     |            |
| Current Liabilities             |            |
| Accounts Payable                | 321,686.76 |
| Long Term Liabilities           | •          |
| Loans                           |            |
| Total Liabilities               | 321,686.76 |
| Equity                          |            |
| Daniel Popa                     | -72,305.16 |
| Net Income                      | 73,329.28  |
| Total Equity                    | 1,024.12   |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY      | 322,710.88 |

#### NECC TELECOM, INC Profit Loss

|                              |     | Actual                |
|------------------------------|-----|-----------------------|
|                              |     | Jan - Jun 02          |
| Ordinary Income/Expense      |     |                       |
| Income                       |     |                       |
| MLM                          |     | 6,808.00              |
| Sales                        |     | 893,598.68            |
| Total income                 |     | 900,406.68            |
| Cost of Goods Sold           |     |                       |
| Colocation                   |     | 3,250.00              |
| Commissions                  |     | 07.040.04             |
| Ag. Commissions              |     | 27,048.04<br>6,530.00 |
| MLM Commissions              |     | 33,578,04             |
| Total Commissions            |     | 75.85                 |
| Credit Report                |     | 1,500,00              |
| DS1 Cross Connect<br>ISP     |     | 6,209.00              |
| Send Invoices                |     | 2,921,91              |
| Third Part Verification      |     | 4,599.00              |
| Underlying Carrier           |     | 563,534.77            |
| Total COGS                   | * . | 615,668,57            |
| Gross Profit                 |     | 284,738.11            |
| Expense                      |     |                       |
| Advertising                  |     | 17,114.42             |
| Automobile Expenses          |     |                       |
| Fuel                         | *   | 1,494,68              |
| Insurance                    |     | 681.37                |
| Maintenance                  |     | 3,494.93              |
| Parking                      |     | , 2.00                |
| Total Automobile Expenses    |     | 5,672.98              |
| Bank Charge                  |     | 7,672,73              |
| Depreciation                 |     |                       |
| Gifts                        | ,   | 582.29                |
| Interest                     |     | 1,222.40              |
| Licensea & Texas             |     | 8,758.25              |
| Medical Insurance            |     | 6,817,91<br>15,74     |
| Misceleanous                 |     | 15.74                 |
| Office Supply<br>Books       |     | 95.20                 |
| Office Supply - Other        |     | 4,127.53              |
| Total Office Supply          |     | 4,222,73              |
| Payroll Expenses             |     | 79.820.60             |
| Payroli Tax                  |     | 8,209.52              |
| Phones                       |     | •••                   |
| Cellular                     |     | 1,806.26              |
| Land Lines                   |     | 5,524.20              |
| Teleconference               |     | 225,00                |
| Total Phones                 |     | 7,555.55              |
| Postage & Delivery           |     | 3,534,26              |
| Printing                     |     | 7,851:97              |
| Professional Development     |     | 1,957.00              |
| Professional Fees            |     |                       |
| Accounting                   |     | 9,266.35              |
| Legal                        |     | 12,855,50             |
| Software Services            |     | 10,924.50             |
| Total Professional Fees      |     | 33,046,35             |
| Registered Agent Fcc<br>Rent |     | 4,974,00<br>6,392.00  |
| Sales & Catering             | ,   | 876.14                |
| Travel & Ent                 |     |                       |
| Air Tickets                  |     | 1,337,19              |
| Bus                          |     | 51.50                 |
| Hotels                       |     | 2,054,19              |
| Meals                        |     | 2,790.11              |
| Total Travel & Ent.          |     | 6,232.99              |
| Utilities                    |     | 39.00                 |
| Web Domain                   |     | 40.00                 |
| Total Expense                |     | 211,369.83            |
| Net Ordinary Income          |     | 73,368.28             |
| Net Income                   |     | 73,368.28             |
|                              |     |                       |

#### EXHIBIT E - PROPOSED TARIFF

#### SOUTH DAKOTA PUC TARIFF NO. 1

### TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES TARIFF

#### TITLE SHEET

#### SOUTH DAKOTA TELECOMMUNICATIONS TARIFF

This tariff contains the descriptions, regulations, and rates applicable to the furnishing of service or facilities for Telecommunications Services furnished by NECC Telecom, Inc. ("NECC"), with principal offices at 1209 Windmill Lane, Jeffersonville, Indiana 47130. This tariff applies for services furnished within the State of South Dakota. This tariff is on file with the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission, and copies may be inspected, during normal business hours, at the company's principal place of business.

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NECC TELECOM, INC.

ORIGINAL SHEET 2

SOUTH DAKOTA PUC TARIFF NO. 1

#### TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES TARIFF

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EFFECTIVE:

Daniel Popa, President 1209 Windmill Lane Jeffersonville, Indiana 47130

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#### TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES TARIFF

#### CHECK SHEET

The Sheets of this tariff are effective as of the date shown at the bottom of the respective sheet(s). Original and revised sheets as named below comprise all changes from the original tariff and are currently in effect as of the date on the bottom of this sheet.

| SHEET  | REVISION  |
|--|---|
| 1<br>2<br>3<br>4<br>5<br>6<br>7<br>8         | Original |
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<sup>\*</sup> New or Revised Sheet

ISSUED:

ISSUED BY:

EFFECTIVE:

Daniel Popa, President 1209 Windmill Lane Jeffersonville, Indiana 47130

#### ORIGINAL SHEET 4

#### SOUTH DAKOTA PUC TARIFF NO. 1

#### TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES TARIFF

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#### TARIFF FORMAT

- A. Sheet Numbering: Sheet numbers appear in the upper right corner of the page. Sheets are numbered sequentially. However, new sheets are occasionally added to the tariff. When a new sheet is added between sheets already in effect, a decimal is added. For example, a new sheet added between pages 11 and 12 would be page 11.1.
- B. Sheet Revision Numbers: Revision numbers also appear in the upper right corner of each sheet where applicable. These numbers are used to indicate the most current page version on file with the Commission. For example, 4th Revised Sheet 13 cancels 3rd Revised Sheet 13. Consult the Check Sheet for the sheets currently in effect.
- C. Paragraph Numbering Sequence: There are nine levels of paragraph coding. Each level of coding is subservient to its next higher level:

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D. Check Sheets: When a tariff filing is made with the Commission, an updated Check Sheet accompanies the tariff filing. The Check Sheet lists the sheets contained in the tariff, with a cross reference to the current Revision Number. When new sheets are added, the Check Sheet is changed to reflect the revision. All revisions made in a given filing are designated by an asterisk (\*). There will be no other symbols used on this sheet if these are the only changes made to it (i.e., the format, etc. remains the same, just revised revision levels on some sheets). The tariff user should refer to the latest Check Sheet to find out if a particular sheet is the most current filed with the Commission.

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#### SYMBOLS

The following are the only symbols used for the purposes indicated below:

- (C) to signify change in regulation
- (D) to signify a deletion
- (I) to signify a rate increase
- (L) to signify material relocated in the tariff
- (N) to signify a new rate or regulation
- (R) to signify a rate reduction
- (T) to signify a change in text, but no change in rate or regulation

#### SECTION 1 - TECHNICAL TERMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

Access Line - An arrangement from a local exchange telephone company or other common carrier, using either dedicated or switched access, which connects a Customer's location to the Company's location or switching center.

<u>Authorization Code</u> - A numerical code, one or more of which may be assigned to a Customer, to enable the Company to identify the origin of the Customer so it may rate and bill the call. Automatic number identification (ANI) is used as the authorization code wherever possible.

<u>Commission</u> - Used throughout this tariff to mean the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission.

<u>Customer</u> - The person, firm, corporation or other legal entity which orders the services of the Company and is responsible for the payment of charges and for compliance with the Company's tariff regulations.

Company or NECC - Used throughout this tariff to mean NECC
Telecom, Inc., a Indiana Corporation.

<u>Dedicated Access</u> - The Customer gains entry to the Company's services by a direct path from the Customer's location to the Company's point of presence.

Holiday - New Year's Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. Holidays shall be billed at the evening rate from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. After 11 p.m., the lower night rate shall go into effect.

<u>Prepaid Account</u> - An inventory of Telecom Units purchased in advance by the Customer, and associated with one and only one Authorization Code as contained in a specific Prepaid Calling Card.

Prepaid Calling Card - A card issued by the Company, containing an Authorization Code which identifies a specific Prepaid Account of Telecom Units, which enables calls to be processed, account activity to be logged, and balances to be maintained, on a prepayment basis.

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Resp. Org - Responsible Organization or entity identified by a Toll-Free service Customer that manages and administers records in the toll free number database and management system.

<u>Switched Access</u> - The Customer gains entry to the Company's services by a transmission line that is switched through the local exchange carrier to reach the Company's point of presence.

<u>Telecom Unit</u> - A measurement of telecommunications service equivalent to one minute of usage between any two points within the State of South Dakota.

Telecommunications - The transmission of voice communications or, subject to the transmission capabilities of the services, the transmission of data, facsimile, signaling, metering, or other similar communications.

<u>Underlying Carrier</u> - The telecommunications carrier whose network facilities provide the technical capability and capacity necessary for the transmission and reception of Customer telecommunications traffic.

#### SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS

#### 2.1 Undertaking of the Company

This tariff contains the regulations and rates applicable to intrastate interexchange telecommunications services provided by the Company for telecommunications between points within the State of South Dakota. Services are furnished subject to the availability of facilities and subject to the terms and conditions of this tariff in compliance with limitations set forth in the Commission's rules. Company's services are provided on a statewide basis and are not intended to be limited geographically. Company offers service to all those who desire to purchase service from the Company consistent with all of the provisions of this tariff. Customers interested in the Company's services shall file a service application with the Company which fully identifies the Customer, the services requested and other information requested by the Company. The Company reserves the right to examine the credit record and check the references of all applicants and Customers. Company may examine the credit profile/record of any applicant prior to accepting the service order. service application shall not in itself obligate the Company to provide services or to continue to provide service if a later check of applicant's credit record is, in the opinion of the Company, contrary to the best interest of the Company. The Company may act as the Customer's agent for ordering access connection facilities provided by other carriers or entities when authorized by the Customer, to allow connection of a Customer's location to a service provided by the The Customer shall be responsible for all charges due for such service arrangement.

- 2.1.1 The services provided by the Company are not part of a joint undertaking with any other entity providing telecommunications channels, facilities, or services, but may involve the resale of the Message Toll Services (MTS) and Wide Area Telecommunications Services (WATS) of underlying common carriers which may be subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission.
- 2.1.2 The rates and regulations contained in this tariff apply only to the services furnished by the Company and do not apply, unless otherwise specified, to the lines, facilities, or services provided by a local exchange telephone company or other common carriers for use in accessing the services of the Company.
- 2.1.3 The Company reserves the right to limit the length of communications, to discontinue furnishing services, or limit the use of service necessitated by conditions beyond its control, including, without limitation: lack of satellite or other transmission medium capacity; the revision, alteration or repricing of the Underlying Carrier's tariffed offerings; or when the use of service becomes or is in violation of the law or the provisions of this tariff.

#### 2.2 Use of Services

- 2.2.1 The Company's services may be used for any lawful purpose consistent with the transmission and switching parameters of the telecommunications facilities utilized in the provision of services, subject to any limitations set forth in this Section 2.2.
- 2.2.2 The use of the Company's services to make calls which might reasonably be expected to frighten, abuse, torment, or harass another or in such a way as to unreasonably interfere with use by others is prohibited.

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- 2.2.3 The use of the Company's services without payment for service or attempting to avoid payment for service by fraudulent means or devices, schemes, false or invalid numbers, or false calling or credit cards is prohibited.
- 2.2.4 The Company's services are available for use twenty-four hours per day, seven days per week.
- 2.2.5 The Company does not transmit messages, but the services may be used for that purpose.
- 2.2.6 The Company's services may be denied for nonpayment of charges or for other violations of this tariff.
- 2.2.7 Customers shall not use the service provided under this tariff for any unlawful purpose.
- 2.2.8 The Customer is responsible for notifying the Company immediately of any unauthorized use of services.

#### 2.3 Liability of the Company

- 2.3.1 The Company shall not be liable for any claim, loss, expense or damage for any interruption, delay, error, omission, or defect in any service, facility or transmission provided under this tariff, if caused by the Underlying Carrier, an act of God, fire, war, civil disturbance, act of government, or due to any other causes beyond the Company's control.
- 2.3.2 The Company shall not be liable for, and shall be fully indemnified and held harmless by the Customer against any claim, loss, expense, or damage for defamation, libel, slander, invasion, infringement of copyright or patent, unauthorized use of any trademark, trade name or service mark, proprietary or creative right, or any other injury to any person, property or entity arising out of the material, data or information transmitted.

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| 2.3.3 | No agent or employee of any other carrier or entity shall be deemed to be an agent or employee of the Company. |
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| 2.3.4 | Reserved for Future Use  |
| 2.3.5 | Reserved for Future Use  |
| 2.3.6 | Reserved for Future Use  |

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2.3.7 The remedies set forth herein are exclusive and in lieu of all other warranties and remedies, whether express, implied, or statutory, INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION IMPLIED WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY AND FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE.

#### 2.4 Responsibilities of the Customer

- 2.4.1 The Customer is responsible for placing any necessary orders and complying with tariff regulations. The Customer is also responsible for the payment of charges for services provided under this tariff.
- 2.4.2 The Customer is responsible for charges incurred for special construction and/or special facilities which the Customer requests and which are ordered by the Company on the Customer's behalf.
- 2.4.3 If required for the provision of the Company's services, the Customer must provide any equipment space, supporting structure, conduit and electrical power without charge to the Company.
- 2.4.4 The Customer is responsible for arranging access to its premises at times mutually agreeable to the Company and the Customer when required for Company personnel to install, repair, maintain, program, inspect or remove equipment associated with the provision of the Company's services.
- 2.4.5 The Customer shall cause the temperature and relative humidity in the equipment space provided by Customer for the installation of the Company's equipment to be maintained within the range normally provided for the operation of microcomputers.

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- 2.4.6 The Customer shall ensure that the equipment and/or system is properly interfaced with the Company's facilities or services, that the signals emitted into the Company's network are of the proper mode, bandwidth, power and signal level for the intended use of the subscriber and in compliance with criteria set forth in this tariff, and that the signals do not damage equipment, injure personnel, or degrade service to other Customers. If the Federal Communications Commission or some other appropriate certifying body certifies terminal equipment as being technically acceptable for direct electrical connection with interstate communications service, the Company will permit such equipment to be connected with its channels without the use of protective interface devices. If the Customer fails to maintain the equipment and/or the system properly, with resulting imminent harm to Company equipment, personnel or the quality of service to other Customers, the Company may, upon written notice, require the use of protective equipment at the Customer's expense. If this fails to produce satisfactory quality and safety, the Company may, upon written notice, terminate the Customer's service.
- 2.4.7 The Customer must pay the Company for replacement or repair of damage to the equipment or facilities of the Company caused by negligence or willful act of the Customer or others, by improper use of the services, or by use of equipment provided by Customer or others.
- 2.4.8 The Customer must pay for the loss through theft of any Company equipment installed at Customer's premises.
- 2.4.9 If the Company installs equipment at Customer's premises, the Customer shall be responsible for payment of any applicable installation charge.

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# 2.4.10 The Customer must use the services offered in this tariff in a manner consistent with the terms of this tariff and the policies and regulations of all state, federal and local authorities having jurisdiction over the service.

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#### 2.5 <u>Cancellation or Interruption of Services</u>

- 2.5.1 Without incurring liability, upon five (5) working days' (defined as any day on which the company's business office is open and the U.S. Mail is delivered) written notice to the Customer, the Company may immediately discontinue services to a Customer or may withhold the provision of ordered or contracted services:
  - 2.5.1.A For nonpayment of any sum due the Company for more than thirty (30) days after issuance of the bill for the amount due, unless the charge is in dispute;
  - 2.5.1.B For violation of any of the provisions of this tariff,
  - 2.5.1.C For violation of any law, rule, regulation, policy of any governing authority having jurisdiction over the Company's services, or
  - 2.5.1.D By reason of any order or decision of a court, public service commission or federal regulatory body or other governing authority prohibiting the Company from furnishing its services.

2.5.2 Without incurring liability, the Company may interrupt the provision of services at any time in order to perform tests and inspections to assure compliance with tariff regulations and the proper installation and operation of Customer and the Company's equipment and facilities and may continue such interruption until any items of noncompliance or improper equipment operation so identified are rectified.

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- 2.5.3 Service may be discontinued by the Company without notice to the Customer, by blocking traffic to certain countries, cities or NXX exchanges, or by blocking calls using certain Customer authorization codes, when the Company deems it necessary to take such action to prevent unlawful use of its service. The Company will restore service as soon as it can be provided without undue risk, and will, upon request by the Customer affected, assign a new authorization code to replace the one that has been deactivated.
- 2.5.4 The Customer may terminate service upon thirty (30) days written notice for the Company's standard month to month contract. Customer will be liable for all usage on any of the Company's service offerings until the Customer actually leaves the service. Customers will continue to have Company usage until the Customer notifies its local exchange carrier and changes its long distance carrier. Until the Customer so notifies its local exchange carrier, it shall continue to generate and be responsible for long distance usage.

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#### 2.6 Credit Allowance

2.6.1 Credit may be given for disputed calls, on a per call basis.

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#### 2.7 Restoration of Service

The use and restoration of service shall be in accordance with the priority system specified in part 64, Subpart D of the Rules and Regulations of the Federal Communications Commission.

#### 2.8 Deposit

The Company does not require deposits.

#### 2.9 Advance Payments

The Company does not require advance payments.

#### 2.10 Payment and Billing

- Service is provided and billed on a billing 2.10.1 cycle basis, beginning on the date that service becomes effective. Billing is payable upon receipt. A late fee will be assessed on unpaid amounts 30 days after rendition of bills.
- 2.10.2 The customer is responsible for payment of all charges for services furnished to the Customer, as well as to all persons using the Customer's codes, exchange lines, facilities, or equipment, with or without the knowledge or consent of the Customer. The security of the Customer's Authorization Codes, subscribed exchange lines, and direct connect facilities is the responsibility of the Customer. All calls placed using direct connect facilities, subscribed exchange lines, or Authorization Codes will be billed to and must be paid by the Customer. Charges based on actual usage during a month and any accrued interest will be billed monthly in arrears.
- All bills are presumed accurate, and shall be 2.10.3 binding on the customer unless objection is received by the Company in writing within 180 days after such bills are rendered. credits, refunds, or adjustments shall be granted if demand therefore is not received by the Company in writing within such 180 day period.

#### 2.11 Collection Costs

In the event Company is required to initiate legal proceedings to collect any amounts due to Company, or to enforce any judgment obtained against a Customer, or for the enforcement of any other provision of this tariff or applicable law, Customer shall, in addition to all amounts due, be liable to Company for all reasonable costs incurred by Company in such proceedings and enforcement actions, including reasonable attorneys' fees, collection agency fees or payments, and court costs. In any such proceeding, the amount of collection costs, including attorneys' fees, due to the Company, will be determined by a court of competent jurisdiction or by the Commission.

#### 2.12 Taxes

All federal, state and local taxes, assessments, surcharges, or fees, including sales taxes, use taxes, gross receipts taxes, and municipal utilities taxes, are billed as separate line items and are not included in the rates quoted herein.

#### 2.13 Late Charge

A late fee of 1.5% per month or the amount otherwise authorized by law, whichever is lower, will be charged on any past due balances.

#### 2.14 Returned Check Charge

A fee of \$20.00 will be charged whenever a check or draft presented for payment for service is not accepted by the institution on which it is written.

#### 2.15 Reconnection Charge

A reconnection fee of \$25.00 per occurrence will be charged when service is reestablished for Customers which have been disconnected due to non-payment. Payment of the reconnection fee and any other outstanding amounts will be due in full prior to reconnection of service.

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# TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES TARIFF SECTION 3 - DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE

#### 3.1 Computation of Charges

- 3.1.1 The total charge for each completed call may be a variable measured charge dependent on the duration, distance and time of day of the call. The total charge for each completed call may also be dependent only on the duration of the call, i.e. a statewide flat rate per minute charge. The variable measured charge is specified as a rate per minute which is applied to each minute. All calls are measured in increments as set forth in the Rates Section of this tariff. All calls are rounded up to the next whole increment.
- 3.1.2 Where mileage bands appear in a rate table, rates for all calls are based upon the airline distance between the originating and terminating points of the call, as determined by the vertical and horizontal coordinates associated with the exchange (the area code and three digit central office code) associated with the originating and terminating telephone numbers. Customer obtains access to the Company's network by a dedicated access circuit, that circuit will be assigned an exchange for rating purposes based upon the Customer's main telephone number at the location where the dedicated access circuit terminates. vertical and horizontal (V & H) coordinates for each exchange and the airline distance between them will be determined according to industry standards.

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3.1.3 Timing begins when the called station is answered and two way communication is possible, as determined by standard industry methods generally in use for ascertaining answer, including hardware answer supervision in which the local telephone company sends a signal to the switch or the software utilizing audio tone detection. Recognition of answer supervision is the responsibility of the Underlying Carrier. Timing for each call ends when either party hangs up. The Company will not bill for uncompleted calls.

#### 3.2 <u>Customer Complaints and/or Billing Disputes</u>

Customer inquiries or complaints regarding service or accounting may be made in writing or by telephone to the Company at:

1209 Windmill Lane Jeffersonville, Indiana 47130 (800) 766-2642

An objection to billed charges should be reported to the Company within 180 days from receipt of an invoice. Adjustments to Customers' bills shall be made to the extent that records are available and/or circumstances exist which reasonably indicate that such charges are not in accordance with approved rates or that an adjustment may otherwise be appropriate.

The Company will respond within seventy two (72) hours of receipt of an inquiry. If the Customer is dissatisfied with the Company's response to a complaint or inquiry, the Customer may file a complaint with the Commission for resolution of the conflict. The South Dakota Public Utilities Commission can be reached at:

500 East Capitol Pierre, SD 57501-5070 (605) 773-3201 (800) 332-1782 TTY through Relay Service South Dakota-(800) 877-1113

If a Customer accumulates more than One Dollar of undisputed delinquent Company 800 Service charges, the Company Resp. Org. reserves the right not to honor that Customer's request for a Resp. Org. change until such undisputed charges are paid in full.

#### 3.3 Level of Service

A Customer can expect end to end network availability of not less than 99% at all times for all services.

#### 3.4 Billing Entity Conditions

When billing functions on behalf of the Company or its intermediary are performed by local exchange telephone companies or others, the payment of charge conditions and regulations of such companies and any regulations imposed upon these companies by regulatory bodies having jurisdiction apply. The Company's name and toll-free telephone number will appear on the Customer's bill.

#### 3.5 Service Offerings

3.5.1 1+ Dialing

> This service permits Customers to originate calls via switched or dedicated access lines, and to terminate intrastate calls. The customer dials "1+" followed by "ten digits" or dials "101XXXX" followed by "1+ ten digits".

3.5.2 Travel Cards

> The Customer utilizes an 11 digit "toll-free" access number established by the Company to access a terminal. Upon receiving a voice prompt, the Customer uses push button dialing to enter an identification code assigned by the Company, and the ten digit number of the called party.

3.5.3 Toll-Free Service

> This service is inbound calling only where an 800, 888 or other toll-free prefix number rings into a Customer's premise routed to a specific telephone number or terminated over a dedicated facility.

#### Company Prepaid Calling Cards 3.5.4

This service permits use of Prepaid Calling Cards for placing long distance calls. Customers may purchase Company Prepaid Calling Cards at a variety of retail outlets or through other distribution channels. Company Prepaid Calling Cards are available at a variety of face values ranging from five dollars (\$5.00), in one dollar (\$1.00) increments. Company Prepaid Calling Card service is accessed using the Company tollfree number printed on the card. The caller is prompted by an automated voice response system to enter his/her Authorization Code, and then to enter the terminating telephone number. The Company's processor tracks the call duration on a real time basis to determine the number of Telecom Units consumed. The total consumed Telecom Units and applicable taxes for each call are deducted from the remaining Telecom Unit balance on the Customer's Company Prepaid Calling Card.

All calls must be charged against Prepaid Calling Card that has a sufficient Telecom Unit balance. A Customer's call will be interrupted with an announcement when the balance is about to be depleted.

When the balance is depleted, the Customer can either call the toll-free number on the back of the Company Prepaid Calling Card and "recharge" the balance on the card using a nationally recognized credit card, or the Customer can throw the card away and purchase a new one. Calls in progress will be terminated by the Company if the balance on the Company Prepaid Calling Card is insufficient to continue the call.

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The expiration date will be printed on all cards. The Company will not refund unused balances.

A credit allowance for Company Prepaid Calling Card Service is applicable to calls that are interrupted due to poor transmission, one-way transmission, or involuntary disconnection of a call. receive the proper credit, the Customer must notify the Company at the designated tollfree customer service number printed on the Company Prepaid Calling Card and furnish the called number, the trouble experienced (e.g. cut-off, noisy circuit, etc.), and the approximate time that the call was placed.

When a call charged to a Company Prepaid Calling Card is interrupted due to cut-off, one-way transmission, or poor transmission conditions, the Customer will receive a credit equivalent of one Telecom Unit.

Credit allowances for calls pursuant to Company Prepaid Card Service do not apply for interruptions not reported promptly to the Company or interruptions that are due to the failure of power, equipment or systems not provided by the Company.

Credit for failure of service shall be allowed only when such failure is caused by or occurs due to causes within the control of the Company.

The Company will block all calls beginning with the NPA "900" and NXX "976" calls, therefore such calls can not be completed.

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3.5.5 Directory Assistance.

Access to long distance directory assistance is obtained by dialing 1 + 555-1212 for listings within the originating area code and 1 + (area code) + 555-1212 for other listings. When more than one number is requested in a single call, a charge will apply for each number requested. A charge will be applicable for each number requested, whether or not the number is listed or published.

3.5.6 Specialized Pricing Arrangements.

Customized service packages and competitive pricing packages at negotiated rates may be furnished on a case-by-case basis in response to requests by Customers to the Company for proposals or for competitive bids. Service offered under this tariff provision will be filed with the Commission. Specialized rates or charges will be made available to similarly situated Customers on a non-discriminatory basis. The Company will notify the Commission of such arrangements as required by Commission rules and regulations.

3.5.7 Emergency Call Handling Procedures

Emergency "911" calls are not routed to company, but are completed through the local network at no charge.

3.5.8 Promotional Offerings

The Company may, from time to time, make promotional offerings to enhance the marketing of its services. These offerings may be limited to certain dates, times and locations. The Company will notify the Commission of such offerings as required by Commission rules and regulations.

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#### SECTION 4 - RATES

#### 4.1 1+ Dialing

\$0.15 per minute

A \$4.95 per month service charge applies. Billed in one minute increments.

#### 4.2 Travel Cards

\$.199 per minute

A \$.25 per call service charge applies. Billed in one minute increments.

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#### 4.3 Toll Free

\$0.15 per minute

A \$10 per month per number service charge applies. Billed in one minute increments.

#### 4.4 Prepaid Calling Cards

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Program
          $.015 Per Telecom Unit
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A \$.99 per call service charge applies.

A one-time maintenance fee of \$1.00 applies after the 1st call.

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#### 4.5 <u>Directory Assistance</u>

\$.95

#### 4.6 Returned Check Charge

\$20.00

#### 4.7 Rate Periods

|                          | <u> </u>                  |      |                           |  |  |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|------|---------------------------|--|--|
|                          | Monday - Friday           | Sat. | Sun.                      |  |  |
| 8 a.m.<br>to<br>5 p.m.*  | Daytime Rate Period       |      |                           |  |  |
| 5 p.m.<br>to<br>11 p.m.* | Evening Rate Period       |      | Evening<br>Rate<br>Period |  |  |
| 11 p.m.<br>to<br>8 a.m.* | Night/Weekend Rate Period |      |                           |  |  |

\* To, but not including

When a message spans more than one rate period, total charges for the minutes in each rate period are calculated and the results for each rate period are totaled to obtain the total message charge. If the calculation results in a fractional charge, the amount will be rounded down to the lower cent.

#### 4.8 Payphone Dial Around Surcharge

A dial around surcharge of \$.50 per call will be added to any completed INTRAstate toll access code and subscriber toll-free 800/888 type calls placed from a public or semipublic payphone.

### 4.9 <u>Universal Service Fund Assessment</u> & <u>Presubscribed</u> Interexchange Carrier Charge

The Customer will be assessed a monthly Universal Service Fund Contribution charge on all telecommunications services, which in no event shall be less than the prevailing contribution percentage rate charged the Company on intrastate traffic by any state agency or its administrator. A Presubscribed Interexchange Carrier Charge ("PICC") applies on a monthly basis to all Customer monthly bills at the prevailing rate.

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#### **CONSUMER COMPLAINTS**

CT02-033 In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Denise Haerter, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, against MCIWorldCom and Qwest Corporation Regarding Unauthorized Switching of Services.

Complainant states that she has three phone lines into her home and two of the lines were switched to MCI without authorization. Complainant wants MCI or Qwest to be fined the \$1,000.00 per line as stated in the South Dakota slamming law, a letter of apology from the company, and a removal of all charges.

Staff Analyst: Mary Healy Staff Attorney: Karen Cremer Date Docketed: 08/22/02 Intervention Deadline: N/A

CT02-034 In the Matter of the Complaint filed by John M. Rice on behalf of Rice Insurance Agency, Inc., Sioux Falls, South Dakota, against McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc. Regarding Telephone Book Listing, Poor Service, Contract Dispute, No Long Distance or 800# Service.

Complainant states that it began having problems with McLeod in 2001. After Complainant relocated its business, McLeod omitted putting the Complainant's new address in the McLeod phone book. When Complainant decided to change providers, it contacted McLeod to see if it could match the offer that was made by Qwest, and McLeod did not respond to the offer. Complainant switched its local service to Qwest and left its long distance and 800# with McLeod. Complainant continued to be billed for its service with McLeod and a fee for canceling its local service. Although Complainant paid its long distance charges, its service was disconnected for several days. Complainant switched its remaining service to Sprint, but McLeod would not release its 800# until it paid a termination of contract fee of \$3,245.00 to McLeod. Complainant paid the fee in order to get its 800# working with Sprint. Complainant has now received another termination of contract bill from McLeod for \$10,000.00. Complainant requests a refund of the termination of contract fees that it has paid, the removal of any other penalty from McLeod, and reimbursement for loss of business, down-time and inconvenience to its business.

Staff Analyst: Amy Kayser Staff Attorney: Kelly Frazier Date Docketed: 08/27/02 Intervention Deadline: N/A

#### **NATURAL GAS**

NG02-006 In the Matter of the Filing by NorthWestern Energy for Approval of Tariff Revisions.

Application by NorthWestern Energy to update its fuel retention percentage for natural gas transportation service. NorthWestern Energy's tariff provides that the fuel retention percentage be adjusted annually with the updated percentage to be effective October 1 of each year.

Staff Analyst: Dave Jacobson Staff Attorney: Kelly Frazier Date Docketed: 08/23/02

Intervention Deadline: 09/13/02

NG02-007 In the Matter of the Filing by MidAmerican Energy Company for Approval of Continuation of the IGSPP.

Application by MidAmerican Energy to Continue its Incentive Gas Supply Procurement Program (IGSPP). This program was initially approved by the Commission for a three-year period in 1995, and was approved with modifications for a second three-year period in 1999. This filing proposes to further extend application of the plan, with modifications, to be effective through October 31, 2005. The IGSPP compares actual gas supply costs to a benchmark and allows for a sharing of the difference between ratepayers and MidAmerican Energy.

Staff Analyst: Dave Jacobson Staff Attorney: Kelly Frazier Date Docketed: 08/27/02

Intervention Deadline: 09/13/02

#### **TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

TC02-109 In the Matter of the Application of NECC Telecom, Inc. for a Certificate of Authority to Provide Interexchange Telecommunications Services in South Dakota.

NECC Telecom, Inc. has filed an application with the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission for a Certificate of Authority to provide interexchange service in South Dakota. The applicant intends to provide resold interexchange service, including 1+ and 101XXXX outbound dialing, 800/888 toll-free inbound dialing, directory assistance, data services and travel card service to customers throughout South Dakota.

Staff Analyst: Heather Forney Staff Attorney: Kelly Frazier Date Docketed: 08/23/02

Intervention Deadline: 09/13/02

# TC02-110 In the Matter of the Application of Voicecom Telecommunications, LLC to Approve the Transfer of the Certificate of Authority of Premiere Communications, Inc.

On February 13, 1996, Premiere Communications, Inc. received a Certificate of Authority to provide interexchange telecommunications services in South Dakota. On August 26, 2002, Voicecom Telecommunications, LLC (VTL), Voicecom Telecommunications, Inc. (VTI) and Premiere Communications, Inc. (PCI) filed a joint application to transfer the Certificate of Authority of PCI to VTL. VTL intends to offer post-paid long distance calling card services throughout South Dakota through resale.

Staff Analyst: Keith Senger Staff Attorney: Kelly Frazier Date Docketed: 08/26/02

Intervention Deadline: 09/13/02

TC02-111 In the Matter of the Request of Citizens Telecommunications Company of Minnesota, Inc. For Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

On August 26, 2002, Citizens Telecommunications Company of Minnesota, Inc. (Citizens) provided information constituting Citizens' plan for the use of its federal universal service support and to otherwise verify that Citizens will use all federal universal service support received in a manner that is consistent with the federal universal service provisions of 47 U.S.C. Section 254.

Staff Analyst: Harlan Best

Staff Attorney: Karen E. Cremer

Date Docketed: 08/26/02

Intervention Deadline: 09/06/02

TC02-112 In the Matter of the Application of Global Communications Consulting Corp. for a Certificate of Authority to Provide Interexchange Telecommunications Services in South Dakota.

Global Communications Consulting Corp. is seeking a Certificate of Authority to provide interexchange telecommunications services in South Dakota. The Applicant intends to offer a full range of interexchange services on a resale basis. Services include direct dial, MTS, in-WATS, out-WATS and Calling Card services.

Staff Analyst: Keith Senger Staff Attorney: Kelly Frazier Date Docketed: 08/28/02

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

| IN TH                    | IE MATTER OF TH  | E APPL | ICATION OF | ) | ORDER GRANTING |
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| NECC                     | TELECOM, INC. F  | OR A C | ERTIFICATE | ) | CERTIFICATE OF |
| OF                       | <b>AUTHORITY</b> | TO     | PROVIDE    | ) | AUTHORITY      |
| INTER                    | REXCHANGE TELE   | COMM   | UNICATIONS | ) |                |
| SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA |                  |        |            |   | TC02-109       |

On August 23, 2002, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission), in accordance with SDCL 49-31-3 and ARSD 20:10:24:02, received an application for a certificate of authority from NECC Telecom, Inc. (NECC).

NECC proposes to provide interexchange telecommunications services throughout South Dakota. A proposed tariff was filed by NECC. The Commission has classified long distance service as fully competitive.

On August 29, 2002, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of September 13, 2002, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed and at its October 17, 2002, meeting, the Commission considered NECC's request for a certificate of authority. Commission Staff recommended granting a certificate of authority subject to the condition that NECC not offer a prepaid calling card or require or accept deposits or advanced payments without prior approval of the Commission. Commission Staff further recommended a waiver of ARSD 20:10:24:02(8) and that the certificate of authority have an effective date of October 22, 2002.

The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-31, specifically 49-31-3 and ARSD 20:10:24:02 and 20:10:24:03. The Commission finds that NECC has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. NECC has, in accordance with SDCL 49-31-3, demonstrated sufficient technical, financial and managerial capabilities to offer telecommunications services in South Dakota. Further, the Commission finds that there is good cause to waive ARSD 20:10:24:02:(8). The Commission approves NECC's application for a certificate of authority. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED, that NECC's application for a certificate of authority to provide interexchange telecommunications services is hereby granted subject to the condition that NECC not offer a prepaid calling card or require or accept deposits or advanced payments without prior approval of the Commission, effective October 22, 2002. It is

FURTHER ORDERED, that the Commission waives ARSD 20:10:24:02(8). It is

FURTHER ORDERED, that NECC shall file informational copies of tariff changes

with the Commission as the changes occur.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this <u>28</u> day of <u>Chober</u>, 2002.

#### **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, by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.

By: Tina Vouglas

Date: 0000 28,2001

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

PAM NELSON, Commissioner

ROBERT K. SAHR, Commissioner

# SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

#### CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY

To Conduct Business As A Telecommunications Company
Within The State of South Dakota

Authority was Granted effective October 22, 2002 Docket No. TC02-109

This is to certify that

NECC TELECOM, INC.

is authorized to provide interexchange telecommunications services in South Dakota, subject to the condition that it not offer a prepaid calling card or require or accept deposits or advance payments without prior approval of the Commission.

This certificate is issued in accordance with SDCL 49-31-3 and ARSD 20:10:24:02, and is subject to all of the conditions and limitations contained in the rules and statutes governing its conduct of offering telecommunications services.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 28th day of October, 2002.

SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION:

MES A. BURG, Chairman

PAM NELSON, Commissioner

ROBERT K. SAHR, Commissioner Le