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December 1, 2004

Pam Bonrud, Executive Director  
SD Public Utilities Commission  
500 East Capitol Ave.  
Pierre, SD 57501-5070

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**SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC  
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

RE: SANCOM, INC D/B/A MITCHELL TELECOM INTRASTATE SWITCHED  
ACCESS TARIFF FILING

Dear Ms. Bonrud:

Enclosed please find an original and 10 copies of Mitchell Telecom's Intrastate Switched Access Tariff No. 1, which is submitted for Commission approval. Mitchell Telecom has proposed an effective date of January 1, 2005. The tariff mirrors the rates, terms and conditions of the current LECA Tariff No. 1, with the exception of the switched access rates, which are based upon a statewide average in accordance with ARSD 20:10:27:12.

In its Application for a Certificate of Authority in Docket TC04-090, Mitchell Telecom also applied for an exemption from developing intrastate switched access rates based on company specific costs. The Commission granted Mitchell Telecom a certificate of authority in Docket TC04-090 by an order dated July 29, 2004. However, the order is not clear whether the Commission also approved the application's request for an exemption from developing access rates based on cost.

Therefore, Mitchell Telecom respectfully requests that the Commission approve its Intrastate Switched Access Tariff No 1 herein and also clarify the Commission's action on Mitchell Telecom's request for a waiver from developing switched access rates based on company specific costs.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (605) 796-4411 or Doug Eidahl or Wendy Harper of Vantage Point Solutions at (605) 995-1777. Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gene Kroell".

Gene Kroell  
General Manager

Enclosures

Cc: Wendy Harper, Vantage Point Solutions

**SOUTH DAKOTA SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICES**

**A. CONCURRENCE IN RATES, TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF LOCAL  
EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION, INC. TARIFF NO. 1**

1. Mitchell Telecom concurs in the rates, terms and conditions, except as noted below, of Local Exchange Carrier Association, Inc. Tariff No. 1 governing Intrastate Access Service as filed by the Local Exchange Carrier Association, Inc. in the State of South Dakota. Mitchell Telecom concurs in the current Local Exchange Carrier Association, Inc. Tariff No. 1 as of August 1, 2004 as shown by the attached TARIFF CHECKLIST pages. The only exceptions to this concurrence are the attached pages 17-1 and 17-4, which replace the current Local Exchange Carrier Association, Inc. Tariff No. 1 pages 17-1 and 17-4.
2. Mitchell Telecom hereby expressly reserves the right to cancel or void this statement of concurrence at any time consistent with state law and the best interests of Mitchell Telecom by filing a replacement tariff with the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission.

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General Manager**

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SOUTH DAKOTA SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICES

17. Rates and Charges

17.1 Common Line Access Service

17.1.1 Carrier Common Line Access Service

Rate

Regulations concerning Carrier Common Line Access  
are set forth in Section 3. Preceding.

Per Access Minute

\$0.0693

17.1.2 Reserved for Future Use

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17. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

17.2 Switched Access Service

17.2.1 Nonrecurring Charges

Rate

(A) Local Transport Element-  
Installation Per Line or Trunk

\$295.00

(B) Reserved for Future Use

(C) Interim NXX Translation Per Order

\$181.00

Per LATA or Market Area

17.2.2 Traffic Sensitive

Local Switching (End Office)

Per Access Minute

\$0.0276

Local Transport

Per Access Minute

\$0.0356

Network Blocking Per Blocked Call

Applies to FGD only

\$0.0271

8XX Data Base Query Service

Per Query

Basic

\$0.0079

Vertical Feature

\$0.0082

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**ELECTRIC**

**EL04-038     In the Matter of the Filing by Otter Tail Power Company for Approval of Tariff Revisions.**

Application by Otter Tail Power Company (Otter Tail) for approval to revise its tariffed Summary List of Contracts with Deviations. The existing contract with the City of Toronto will expire on January 1, 2005. Otter Tail states the new agreement does not contain any deviations from Otter Tail's currently filed tariff and therefore requests that reference to a contract with the City of Toronto be removed from the Summary List of Contracts with Deviations.

Staff Analyst: Dave Jacobson  
Staff Attorney: Sara Harens  
Date Filed: 12/02/04  
Intervention Deadline: 12/23/04

**TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

**TC04-258     In the Matter of the Filing by Sancom, Inc. d/b/a Mitchell Telecom for Approval of its Intrastate Switched Access Tariff and for an Exemption from Developing Company Specific Cost-Based Switched Access Rates.**

On December 2, 2004, Sancom, Inc. d/b/a Mitchell Telecom filed an Intrastate Switched Access tariff which "mirrors the rates, terms and conditions of the current LECA Tariff No. 1, with the exception of the switched access rates, which are based upon a statewide average in accordance with ARSD 20:10:27:12." Mitchell Telecom requests an effective date of January 1, 2005, for the tariff filing.

Staff Analyst: Harlan Best  
Staff Attorney: Karen E. Cremer  
Date Filed: 12/02/04  
Intervention Deadline: 12/23/04

**TC04-259     In the Matter of the Filing by Gold Line Telemanagement Inc. For an Amended Certificate of Authority to Provide Interexchange Telecommunications Services in South Dakota.**

In an Order dated December 23, 2003, the Commission granted Gold Line Telemanagement Inc. (Gold Line) authority to provide interexchange telecommunications services in South Dakota, subject to restrictions from offering prepaid services or from accepting customer deposits and advanced payments. On December 7, 2004, the Commission received a filing from Gold Line requesting relief from those restrictions.

Staff Analyst: Keith Senger  
Staff Attorney: Sara Harens  
Date Docketed: 12/07/04  
Intervention Deadline: 12/23/04

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY SANCOM, )  
INC. D/B/A MITCHELL TELECOM FOR )  
APPROVAL OF ITS INTRASTATE SWITCHED )  
ACCESS TARIFF AND FOR AN EXEMPTION )  
FROM DEVELOPING COMPANY SPECIFIC )  
COST-BASED SWITCHED ACCESS RATES )**

**ORDER GRANTING  
PETITION FOR WAIVER**

**TC04-258**

On December 2, 2004, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a petition from Sancom, Inc. d/b/a Mitchell Telecom (Sancom) for approval of its Intrastate Switched Access Tariff No. 1 which is concurrent with the rates, terms, and conditions of the current LECA tariff no. 1, with the exception of the switched access rates, which are based upon a statewide average of the LECA cost members and PrairieWave Community Telephone, Inc. and Mount Rushmore/Fort Randall Telephone Companies. Additionally, Sancom requested an exemption from the requirement to develop intrastate switched access rates based on company specific costs.

On December 28, 2004, the Commission considered Sancom's request for an exemption from developing company specific cost-based switched access rates in accordance with ARSD 20:10:27:11 and for approval of its Intrastate Switched Access Tariff No. 1. Commission Staff recommended approval of the exemption and tariff rate subject to refund, with interest, should the final statewide average switched access rate be lower than the currently effective interim LECA rate. The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-31-18, 49-31-19, ARSD 20:10:27:11 and ARSD 20:10:27:12. 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 and approve Sancom's Intrastate Switched Access Tariff No. 1 subject to refund, with interest, should the final rate be lower than the interim rate. The Commission further ordered that Sancom, within three years of the date of this Order, file a petition to continue the exemption granted in this proceeding or file cost-based rates. It is therefore

ORDERED, that Sancom's petition to be exempt from developing company specific cost-based switched access rates is granted; and it is further

ORDERED, that Sancom's Intrastate Switched Access Tariff No. 1 is approved as filed, subject to refund, with interest, should the final rate be lower than the interim rate; and it is further

ORDERED, that Sancom shall, within three years of the date of this Order, file a petition to continue the exemption granted in this proceeding or file cost-based intrastate switched access rates.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 29<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2004.

<b>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</b>
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 facsimile or by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.
By: <u>          <i>Delaine Kolbo</i>          </u>
Date: <u>          12/29/04          </u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

          *Robert K. Sahr*            
ROBERT K. SAHR, Chairman

          *Gary Hanson*            
GARY HANSON, Commissioner

          *James A. Burg*            
JAMES A. BURG, Commissioner