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Public Utilities Commission
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Pierre, SD 57501-5070

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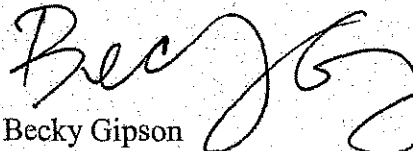
Re: Replacement Surety Bond

Dear Sir or Madam:

Comtel Telcom Assets LP ("Comtel") submits the enclosed bond (#46BSBEY1341) as a replacement for the existing bond (#K07338995) currently on file with the Commission. Comtel obtained a new broker for bonds and other purposes, and as a result, replacement bonds have been issued. The existing bond will be canceled effective October 15, 2008.

Comtel sincerely appreciates your time and attention to this filing. Please direct any inquiries regarding this filing to the undersigned at becky.gipson@excel.com or at (972) 910-1453. Acknowledgment and date of receipt of this filing are respectfully requested. Please date and file stamp the attached copy of this correspondence and return it in the enclosed pre-addressed, postage-prepaid envelope.

Respectfully submitted,



Becky Gipson
Sr. Director, Regulatory Affairs

Enclosure

**INDEMNITY BOND
TO THE
PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

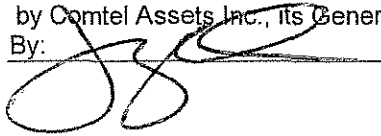
Bond No. 46BSBEY1341

We, Comtel Telcom Assets LP, the principal and applicant for a CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY to provide local exchange and interexchange telecommunication services within the State of South Dakota. and Hartford Fire Insurance Company, Hartford, CT, as an admitted surety insurer, bind ourselves unto the Public Utilities Commission of the State of South Dakota and the consumers of South Dakota as Obligee, in the sum of \$25,000.00.

The conditions of the obligation are such that the principal, having been granted such CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY subject to the provision that said principal purchase this Indemnity Bond, and if said principal shall in all respects fully and faithfully comply with all applicable provisions of South Dakota State Law, and reimburse customers of Comtel Telcom Assets LP for any prepayment or deposits they have made which may be unable or unwilling to return to said customers as a result of insolvency or other business failure, then this obligation shall be void, discharged and forever exonerated, otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

This bond shall take effect as of the date hereon and shall remain in force and effect until the surety is released from liability by the written order of the Public Utilities Commission, provided that the surety may cancel this Bond and be relieved of further liability hereunder by delivering thirty (30) days written notice to the Public Utilities Commission. Such cancellation shall not affect any liability incurred or accrued hereunder prior to the termination of said thirty (30) day period.

Dated this 24th day of September, 2008
To be effective this 24th day of September, 2008

Comtel Telcom Assets LP
by Comtel Assets Inc., its General Partner
By: 

HARTFORD FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY
Surety

Countersigned this _____ day of _____

Countersigned for South Dakota

By N/A
Resident Agent

By 
Michele Degnon, Attorney-in-Fact

By _____

POWER OF ATTORNEY

THE HARTFORD
BOND, T-4
P.O. BOX 2103, 690 ASYLUM AVENUE
HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06115
call: 888-266-3488 or fax: 860-757-5835
Agency Code: 46 461496

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS THAT:

- Hartford Fire Insurance Company, a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Connecticut
- Hartford Casualty Insurance Company, a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Indiana
- Hartford Accident and Indemnity Company, a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Connecticut
- Hartford Underwriters Insurance Company, a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Connecticut
- Twin City Fire Insurance Company, a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Indiana
- Hartford Insurance Company of Illinois, a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Illinois
- Hartford Insurance Company of the Midwest, a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Indiana
- Hartford Insurance Company of the Southeast, a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Florida

having their home office in Hartford, Connecticut (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Companies") do hereby make, constitute and appoint, **up to the amount of UNLIMITED** :

DENNIS DOWD, JOHN D. FULKERSON, KAE PERDUE, TOM P. ELLIS, III, DONNIE D. DOAN, MICHELE DEGNON, DEBBIE SMITH OF DALLAS, TEXAS

their true and lawful Attorney(s)-in-Fact, each in their separate capacity if more than one is named above, to sign its name as surety(ies) only as delineated above by , and to execute, seal and acknowledge any and all bonds, undertakings, contracts and other written instruments in the nature thereof, on behalf of the Companies in their business of guaranteeing the fidelity of persons, guaranteeing the performance of contracts and executing or guaranteeing bonds and undertakings required or permitted in any actions or proceedings allowed by law.

In Witness Whereof, and as authorized by a Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Companies on January 22, 2004, the Companies have caused these presents to be signed by its Assistant Vice President and its corporate seals to be hereto affixed, duly attested by its Assistant Secretary. Further, pursuant to Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Companies, the Companies hereby unambiguously affirm that they are and will be bound by any mechanically applied signatures applied to this Power of Attorney.



Paul A. Bergenholtz

Paul A. Bergenholtz, Assistant Secretary

M. Ross Fisher

M. Ross Fisher, Assistant Vice President

STATE OF CONNECTICUT }
COUNTY OF HARTFORD } ss. Hartford

On this 1st day of February, 2004, before me personally came M. Ross Fisher, to me known, who being by me duly sworn, did depose and say: that he resides in the County of Hartford, State of Connecticut; that he is the Assistant Vice President of the Companies, the corporations described in and which executed the above instrument; that he knows the seals of the said corporations; that the seals affixed to the said instrument are such corporate seals; that they were so affixed by authority of the Boards of Directors of said corporations and that he signed his name thereto by like authority.



CERTIFICATE

Scott E. Paseka

Scott E. Paseka
Notary Public

My Commission Expires October 31, 2012

I, the undersigned, Assistant Vice President of the Companies, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Power of Attorney executed by said Companies, which is still in full force effective as of **September 24, 2008**
Signed and sealed at the City of Hartford.



Gary W. Stumper

Gary W. Stumper, Assistant Vice President

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