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Via 2 Day Delivery

October 20, 2006

Ms. Patricia Van Gerpen Executive Director South Dakota Public Utilities Commission Capital Building, 1st Floor, 500 East Capitol Avenue Pierre, SD 57501-5070 RECEIVED

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SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Re: Indemnity Bond for Prepaid Services

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Enclosed please find the original of VCI Company's Indemnity Bond for prepaid local exchange services introduced in our tariff revisions filed on September 29, 2006.

Please acknowledge receipt of this filing by date stamping and returning the additional copy of this transmittal letter in the self-addressed, postage paid envelope provided for this purpose.

Questions regarding this filing may be directed to me at the telephone and facsimile numbers listed above or via electronic mail at <u>staceyk@vcicompany.com</u>.

Sincerely, VCI Company Klinzman

Regulatory Attorney

Enclosure

INDEMNITY BOND TO THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

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SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC Bond No. 41089928711 TTES COMMUSSION

We, VCI Company _______ the principal and applicant for a CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY, ______ prepaid ______ telecommunications services within the State of South Dakota, and ______ Platte River Insurance Company ______, San Francisco, California ______ 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 obligations 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 ______

VCI Company 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, discharges 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 18th day of October , 2006.

To be effective this <u>18th</u> day of <u>October</u>, 20<u>06</u>.

VCI Company Principal 2228 S. 78th St., Tacoma, WA 98409-9050 Address By Titl Platte River Insurance Company Surety 350 Sansome St. #1000, San Francisco, CA 94104 Address Gabby Acosta By Title

PLATTE RIVER INSURANCE COMPANY POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That the PLATTE RIVER INSURANCE COMPANY, a corporation of the State of Nebraska, having its principal offices in the City of Middleton, Wisconsin, does make, constitute and appoint

- JAMES R. OLSEN, R. CICCOLINI, ABEL ACOSTA, GABBY ACOSTA, HOPE E. OLSEN

its true and lawful Attorney(s)-in-fact, to make, execute, seal and deliver for and on its behalf, as surety, and as its act and deed, any and all bonds, undertakings and contracts of suretyship, provided that no bond or undertaking or contract of suretyship executed under this authority shall exceed in amount the sum of

- ALL WRITTEN INSTRUMENTS IN AN AMOUNT: \$2,500,000.00 -

This Power of Attorney is granted and is signed and sealed by facsimile under and by the authority of the following Resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of **PLATTE RIVER INSURANCE COMPANY** at a meeting duly called and held on the 8th day of January, 2002.

"RESOLVED, that the President, and Vice-President, the Secretary or Treasurer, acting individually or otherwise, be and they hereby are granted the power and authorization to appoint by a Power of Attorney for the purposes only of executing and attesting bonds and undertakings and other writings obligatory in the nature thereof, one or more vice-presidents, assistant secretaries and attorney(s)-in-fact, each appointee to have the powers and duties usual to such offices to the business of the Corporation; the signature of such officers and the seal of the Corporation may be affixed to such power of attorney or to any certificate relating thereto by facsimile, and any such power of attorney or certificate bearing such facsimile signatures or facsimile seal shall be valid and binding upon the Corporation in the future with respect to any bond or undertaking or other writing obligatory in the nature thereof to which it is attached. Any such appointment may be revoked, for cause, or without cause, by any of said officers, at any time."

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the PLATTE RIVER INSURANCE COMPANY has caused these presents to be signed by its officer undersigned and its corporate seal to be hereto affixed duly attested, this 1st day of June, 2006.

Attest:

gilnie An. Alan S. Ogilvie Secretary



PLATTE RIVER INSURANCE COMPANY

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James J. McIntyre President

STATE OF WISCONSIN COUNTY OF DANE

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COUNTY OF DANE

On the 1st day of June, 2006 before me personally came James J. McIntyre, to me known, who being by me duly sworn, did depose and say: that he resides in the County of Dane, State of Wisconsin; that he is President of **PLATTE RIVER INSURANCE COMPANY**, the corporation described in and which executed the above instrument; that he knows the seal of the said corporation; that the seal affixed to said instrument is such corporate seal; that it was so affixed by order of the Board of Directors of said corporation and that he signed his name thereto by like order.

KATHLEEN + PAULSON CERTIFICATE

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Kathleen A. Paulson Notary Public, Dane Co., WI My Commission Expires 10-15-2006

I, the undersigned, duly elected to the office stated below, now the incumbent in **PLATTE RIVER INSURANCE COMPANY**, a Nebraska Corporation, authorized to make this certificate, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that the foregoing attached Power of Attorney remains in full force and has not been revoked; and furthermore, that the Resolution of the Board of Directors, set forth in the Power of Attorney is now in force.

Signed and sealed at the City of Middleton, State of Wisconsin this _	18th	day of	October	, 2 <mark>006</mark>
	UNER INGURANCE CONTROLATE CORPORATE SEAL		Alan S. Ogilvie Secretary	1. Ogilnie

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LIFORNIA ALL-PURPOSE ACKNOWLEDGMENT			
State of CALIFORNIA	} ss.		
County ofLOS ANGELES	} ss.		
On <u>10/18/2006</u> , before me, <u>A</u> Date	Name and Tille of Officer (e.g., "Jane Doe, NOTARY PUBLIC"		
personally appeared Gabby_	Acosta - ATTORNEY-IN-FACT,		
	personally known to me proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence		
ANTHONY KHOTSIKIAN Commission # 1472651 Notary Public - California Los Angeles County My Comm. Expires Feb 26, 2008	to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.		
Place Notary Seal Above	WITNESS my hand and official seal		
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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PRINCIPAL

State of Washington)) ss: Ta County of Pierce)

ss: Tacoma

Before me, Sue P. Willett, a Notary Public, personally appeared Stanley Johnson, with whom I am personally acquainted and who, upon oath, acknowledged himself to be the individual who executed the foregoing bond on behalf of VCI Company, doing business in South Dakota as VCI Company, and he acknowledged to me that he executed the same.

WITNESS my hand and seal this 20th day of October, 2006.



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Sue P. Willett, Notary Public in and for the State of Washington.

My Commission expires: July 29, 2007