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RE: Sprint's Petition for Authority to Provide Local Exchange Service in
Certain Rural Areas Served by ITC (Docket TC06-180)
GPGN File No. 08509.0003


Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Enclosed for filing please find the Direct Testimony of James R. Burt in the above-entitled matter. The testimony contains two attachments – JRB-1 and JRB-2.

Attachment JRB-2 is Sprint's Responses Staff's First and Second Data Requests. Within the Responses to the First Data Requests is a confidential exhibit entitled "Sprint Attachment POD 1.20.1." This 6-page confidential attachment will be sent separately. By copy of same counsel have been served.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,



Talbot J. Wieczorek

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

**In the Matter of Sprint Communications)
Company L.P.'s Petition for Authority to Provide) Docket No. TC06-180
Local Exchange Service in Certain Rural Areas)
Served by Interstate Telecommunications)
Cooperative, Inc.)**

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifes that on this 27th day of October 2008, a copy of the Direct Testimony of James Burt was served electronically to:

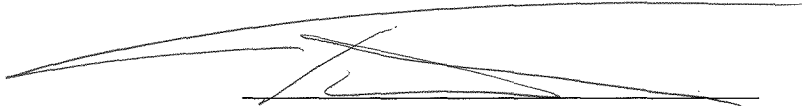
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