

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

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| IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF |) | |
| VENTURE COMMUNICATION COOPERATIVE |) | JOINT MOTION FOR |
| FOR SUSPENSION OR MODIFICATION OF |) | TRANSFER AND TO |
| LOCAL DIALING PARITY RECIPROCAL |) | SET HEARING DATE |
| COMPENSATION OBLIGATIONS |) | TC06-181 |
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Come now the above named parties, Venture Communications (“Venture”), Alltel Communications, Inc. (“Alltel”), Rural Cellular Corporations (“RCC”), South Dakota Telecommunications (“SDTA”), and Staff (collectively referred to as “Parties”), by and through their respective counsel, and submit the following Joint Motion to transfer the docket to the Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”), and to set a hearing date in the docket. For good cause the parties request an Order from the Commission pursuant to the following Stipulation:

Stipulation and Motion

1. On October 24, 2006, the Commission received an application from Venture for suspension or modification of local dialing parity and certain reciprocal compensation obligations.
2. The Commission granted motions to intervene filed by SDTA, RCC and Alltel.
3. On February 6, 2007, this Commission granted Alltel’s request to use the Office of Hearing Examiners (“OHE”).
4. The parties no longer desire to use the OHE in this docket, and the parties agree that the hearing in this docket should be before the Commission.
5. The parties further agree to a hearing date of October 3rd and 4th, as discovery is completed, and all prefiled testimony has been filed, with the possible exception of additional pre-filed testimony that may result from amendment of Alltel’s response to Venture’s Petition for Arbitration (Docket TC06-159), and responses by Venture thereto. However, SDTA’s agreement is conditioned on its being allowed to complete presentation of its testimony on October 3, 1002, due to an unavoidable schedule conflict. The parties agree that the hearing may be conducted in such a manner as to allow SDTA to complete presentation of its testimony on October 3, 2007.

Accordingly, for good cause, the parties to this Joint Motion request an Order from the Commission transferring the case from the OHE to the Commission, and setting a hearing date of October 3 and 4, 2007.

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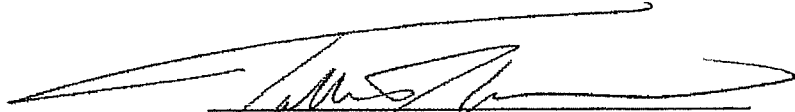
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