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OFFICE OF HEARING EXAMINERS

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**SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC  
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF  
VENTURE COMMUNICATIONS  
COOPERATIVE FOR SUSPENSION OR  
MODIFICATION OF LOCAL DIALING  
PARITY RECIPROCAL COMPENSATION  
OBLIGATIONS

PREHEARING CONFERENCE NOTICE  
AND ORDER  
PUC 7-01

A prehearing conference will be conducted by telephone on **March 8, 2007, beginning at 11:00 A.M., CST, 10:00 A.M. MST.** Julie M. Johnson, Hearing Examiner, will initiate the conference at the time and date indicated by contacting Darla Pollman Rogers at (605) 224-5825 and Mary Sisak and Ben H. Dickens at (202) 659-0830, Talbot Wieczorek at (605) 342-1078 and Richard D. Coit at (605) 224-7629. If a party wishes to be contacted at a different telephone number, the party is to notify the Office of Hearing Examiners at least 24 hours prior to the scheduled prehearing conference. The telephone number is (605) 773-6811.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the following procedures will be followed, and the parties shall comply therewith:

**PREHEARING PROCEDURES**

The purpose of this prehearing conference is to

1. determine if all the issues stated in the Notice of Hearing are still contested;
2. insure that all discovery has been completed;
3. notify each party of the others' witnesses and proposed testimony;
4. decide any prehearing motions; and
5. deal with any other administrative matters relevant to the hearing.

The hearing will be held at the time and place set forth in the Notice of Hearing.

If there is an agreement concerning the facts involved, the parties may stipulate to the facts. Proposed stipulations must be submitted to the Hearing Examiner at least two (2) days prior to the date of the prehearing conference.

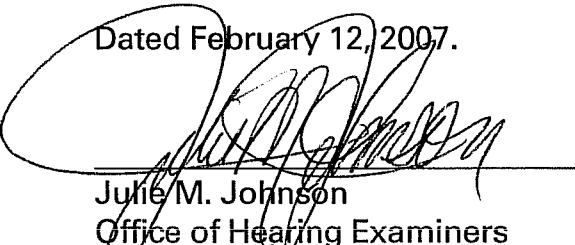
All motions must be sent to the opposing party and the Hearing Examiner at least five (5) days prior to the prehearing conference. Notification of representation by an attorney must be furnished in writing to the Hearing Examiner at least five (5) days prior to the prehearing conference. Include the name, address, and telephone number of the attorney.

At least five (5) days prior to this prehearing conference the parties shall furnish to each other copies of all documentary evidence intended to be offered at the hearing. At least five (5) days prior to this prehearing conference, the parties shall furnish to the Hearing Examiner a descriptive listing of all documentary evidence intended to be offered at the hearing. All requests for discovery must be served no later than thirty (30) days prior to the date of the prehearing conference. Any request for discovery not made within this time frame may be denied by the Hearing Examiner.

A decision as to whether the hearing will be tape recorded or taken before a court reporter will be made during the prehearing conference. A transcript will be provided at the requesting party's expense.

A Prehearing Conference checklist is attached for use at the prehearing conference.

Dated February 12, 2007.



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Attachment

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PREHEARING CONFERENCE CHECKLIST

PUC 7-01

REPRESENTATION

Petitioner

Agency

REQUEST FOR POSTPONEMENT

1. Who:
2. What Reason(s):
3. Decision:

ISSUES

DISCOVERY

WITNESSES & TESTIMONY

<u>Petitioner</u>	<u>Agency</u>
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.
4.	4.

EXHIBITS

<u>Petitioner</u>	<u>Agency</u>
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.
4.	4.

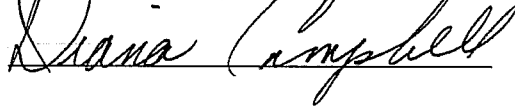
STIPULATIONS

OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Court Reporter Yes or No

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on February <sup>13</sup>~~12~~, 2007, at Pierre, South Dakota, a true and correct copy of this Pre-Hearing Conference Notice and Order in the above-entitled matter was mailed to each party listed below.



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