

SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

October 24, 2006

Executive Director Public Utilities Commission Capitol Building, First Floor 500 East Capitol Ave. Pierre, SD 57501-5070

Re: Long Lines Wireless, LLC Petition for Designation as an ETC TC 06-

Dear Director:

I am submitting a petition to the Public Utilities Commission to grant Eligible Carrier Status to Long Lines Wireless, LLC. Long Lines Wireless is providing cellular service or has the license to provide service in 23 counties in South Dakota.

Should you have any questions or need additional information regarding this request, please contact me at 712.792.3800 or at mcdermot@longlines.com.

Sincerely. 2100

Kristy McDernhott Director of Regulatory Affairs Long Lines Wireless, LLC

Enclosures

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SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF LONG LINES WIRELESS, LLC FOR DESIGNATION AS AN ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER

PETITION FOR DESIGNATION AS AN ETC TC 06-

Long Lines Wireless, LLC (the "Company"), pursuant to 47 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) § 54.201 and South Dakota Administrative Rule 20:10:32:43(3), hereby petitions the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (the "Commission") for designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) in South Dakota for the service areas identified in Attachment A. The Company, pursuant to South Dakota Administrative Rule 20:10:32:43(2), asks that the Commission grant its petition effective as soon as practicable. In support of its request for ETC certification, the Company submits the following:

Long Lines Wireless is licensed by the Federal Communications 1. Commission ("FCC") as a mobile radio service ("CRMS") provider. Long Lines Wireless is a telecommunications carrier and a common carrier under the Communications Act of 1934 as amended ("the Act"). Long Lines Wireless provides high quality cellular service in primarily rural areas through the use of its own facilities and interconnection with land line telecommunications companies. Long Lines Wireless is not a reseller of telecommunication services. Per South Dakota Administrative Rule 20:10:32:43(1), Company information is available at:

Long Lines Wireless, LLC 501 4<sup>th</sup> St. Sergeant Bluff, Iowa 51054 Telephone: 712-271-4000 Facsimile: 712-271-2710 President: C.C. Robbins (chuck.robbins@longlines.com)

2. In accordance with 47 CFR §54.101, the Company offers the following local exchange telecommunications services to all consumers throughout its service area:

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- voice grade access to the public switched network;
- local exchange service including an amount of local usage free of per minute charges under a flat-rated local service package;
- dual-tone multi-frequency signaling;
- access to emergency services such as 911 or Enhanced 911;
- access to operator services;
- access to interexchange services;
- access to directory assistance; and
- toll blocking service to qualified low-income consumers.

3. Long Lines Wireless states that it provides or will provide the required services upon grant of this Petition with the following clarifications:

a. Long Lines Wireless will offer universal calling plans or plans that provide its customers with an amount of local exchange calling, defined in usage minutes, at no additional charge to the customer. In addition, Long Lines Wireless will offer at least one calling plan which includes unlimited local usage. Long Lines Wireless is aware that the FCC is currently reviewing the definition of the minimum amount of local usage that should be required of an ETC and Long Lines Wireless will comply with any and all changes to the definition of "local usage" as such definition relates to eligibility of an ETC.

- Long Lines Wireless has Phase l wireless E911 service available. Long
  Lines Wireless will make Phase ll service available as soon as possible
  and in accordance with applicable laws.
- c. Upon receiving approval of an ETC and the implementation of the universal service offering, Long Lines Wireless will offer Lifeline and Link-up programs in compliance with the FCC and the PUC rules.
- d. Long Lines Wireless will provide toll limitation services to qualifying low-income customers who request such service. This service will be provided through restrictions on the scope of the calling area provided to these customers and will be provided at no additional charge to the customer.
- e. Long Lines Wireless holds an FCC License to provide wireless service in all counties in exhibit A. The licenses that we hold are by county for the 23 counties listed in exhibit A. Long Lines Wireless will provide service to our entire licensed area via our own facilities, not through any resale methods.

4. The Company, in compliance with 47 CFR § 54.201(d)(2), will advertise the availability of its local exchange services and the charges therefor in media of general distribution throughout the exchange areas served.

5. Based on the foregoing, the Company respectfully petitions the Commission for ETC certification for the areas requested herein.

Dated this 24th day of October 2006.

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Long Lines Wireless, LLC

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Kristy McDermott, Director of Regulatory Affairs

## Attachment A

## **Counties Served or to be Served:**

Union	Minnehaha	Harding	Perkins
Clay	McCook	Butte	Meade
Yankton	Lake	Lawrence	Pennington
Bon Homme	Moody	Custer	Shannon
Lincoln	Brookings	Fall River	Haakon
Turner	Jackson	Bennett	