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RE: OHE File PUC 6-06

In the Matter of the Petitions of Armour Independent Telephone Company, Bridgewater-Canistota Independent Telephone Company, Golden West Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc., Kadoka Telephone Company, Sioux Valley Telephone Company, Union Telephone Company and Vivian Telephone Company for Arbitration Pursuant to the Telecommunications Act of 1996 to Resolve Issues relating to Interconnection with WWC License, L.L.C. (PUC Dockets TC06-036, TC06-037, TC06-038, TC06-039, TC06-040, TC06-041, TC06-042)

Dear Ms. Brady:

Please find enclosed for filing the Golden West Companies' Motion for Prehearing Conference in the above manner. By copy of this correspondence, I am intending service upon counsel for WWC License, L.L.C.

In addition to the deadlines which have been proposed in the enclosed Motion, there are several pending motions which the Golden West Companies would like to schedule for hearing and disposition as soon as possible. These motions were originally filed with the Public Utilities Commission and have since been transferred to the Office of Hearing Examiners by Order of the Commission. The outstanding motions include:

**Motion Seeking Order Requiring Payment of Interim Compensation**  
**Motion Seeking Immediate Order Admitting Evidence from CT05-001 Proceeding**  
**Motion to Dismiss Certain Issues Raised by Western Wireless**

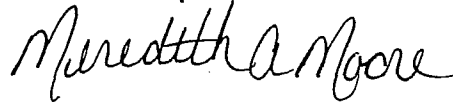
The disposition of the outstanding motions will have an impact upon the scope of the issues presented in the arbitration.

Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

CUTLER & DONAHOE, LLP

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Meredith A. Moore".

Meredith A. Moore  
For the Firm

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Enclosures

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## OFFICE OF HEARING EXAMINERS

In the Matter of the Petitions of Armour	)	
Independent Telephone Company,	)	OHE DOCKET 06-06
Bridgewater-Canistota Telephone Company,	)	
Golden West Telecommunications	)	SDPUC Docket Nos.
Cooperative, Inc., Kadoka Telephone	)	
Company, Sioux Valley Telephone Company,	)	TC06-036
Union Telephone Company, and Vivian	)	TC06-037
Telephone Company (collectively the "Golden	)	TC06-038
West Companies") for Arbitration Pursuant to	)	TC06-039
the Telecommunications Act of 1996 to	)	TC06-040
Resolve Issues Relating to Interconnection	)	TC06-041
Agreements with WWC License L.L.C.	)	TC06-042
("Western Wireless").	)	

## MOTION FOR PREHEARING CONFERENCE

The Golden West Companies, identified in the caption of these matters, respectfully file this Motion for Prehearing Conference before the Office of Hearing Examiner. The Golden West Companies request that the Prehearing Conference be scheduled at the earliest possible date to determine the schedule for this proceeding. The Golden West Companies are generally available at any time for a telephone hearing. The Golden West Companies would suggest the following schedule for the Hearing Examiner's consideration:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Activity</u>
Thursday, September 07, 2006	All parties serve and file direct testimony and exhibits
Thursday, September 21, 2006	All parties serve rebuttal testimony and exhibits
Tuesday, September 26, 2006	Disclosure of witness regarding rebuttal testimony
Thursday, September 28, 2006	Service of Exhibits for use on Cross-Examination
Tuesday, October 03, 2006	First Day of Hearing [Hearing dates subject to all parties checking on witness availability]
Thursday, October 05, 2006	Last Day of Hearing

<u>Date</u>	<u>Activity</u>
Wednesday, October 11, 2006	Transcript of Hearing Complete
Wednesday, October 25, 2006	Simultaneous Proposed Orders and Briefs
Wednesday, November 01, 2006	Simultaneous Reply Briefs
Wednesday, November 15, 2006	Decision From OHE
Wednesday, November 29, 2006	Hearing Reviewing OHE Decision
Tuesday, December 19, 2006	Decision by SDPUC on Arbitration
Sunday, December 31, 2006	End of Arbitration Period

WHEREFORE, the Golden West Companies request that a Prehearing Conference be scheduled at the earliest mutually convenient date for the purpose of setting a schedule for this proceeding and discussing other prehearing matters that may be raised by the parties, including but not limited to disposition of the Motions that are pending, and any other matters which may be properly raised at the Prehearing Conference.

DATED this 1st day of September, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,

Armour Independent Telephone Company, Bridgewater-  
Canistota Telephone Company, Golden West  
Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc., Kadoka  
Telephone Company, Sioux Valley Telephone Company,  
Union Telephone Company, and Vivian Telephone  
Company (collectively the "Golden West Companies")

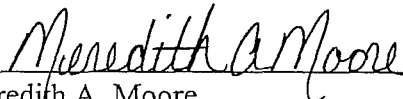
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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

On this 1st day of September, 2006, a true and correct copy of the foregoing **MOTION FOR PREHEARING CONFERENCE** was transmitted to via email to Talbot Wieczorek of Gunderson, Palmer, Goodsell & Nelson, LLP, 440 Rushmore Road, Rapid City, SD 57701 and to Stephen B. Rowell, Mailstop 1269 B5-F11-C, One Allied Drive, Little Rock, AR 72202, legal counsel for WWC License L.L.C., Rolayne Wiest of the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission at 500 East Capitol Avenue, 1st Floor, Pierre, South Dakota 57501, and to Rich CoitSouth Dakota Telecommunications Association, 320 East Capitol Avenue, Pierre, South Dakota 57501.

  
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