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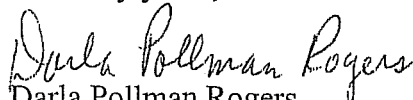
Patty Van Gerpen
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500 East Capitol Avenue
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Re: McCook and Tri-County Applications for Extension of Deadline for Filing of
2006 Cost Studies

Dear Patty:

Please find enclosed herein for filing the original and ten (10) copies of Applications for
Extension of Deadline for Filing of 2006 Cost Studies (McCook and Tri-County).

Sincerely yours,


Darla Pollman Rogers
Attorney at Law

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Enclosures

cc: Bryan Roth
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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

McCOOK COOPERATIVE TELEPHONE
COMPANY APPLICATION FOR EX-
TENSION OF DEADLINE FOR FILING
OF 2006 COST STUDY

Docket No. _____

PETITION

McCook Cooperative Telephone Company ("McCook") by and through its Attorney, Darla Pollman Rogers of Riter, Rogers, Wattier & Brown, LLP, respectfully requests that the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") allow McCook to file a 2006 cost study after June 30, 2006, using calendar year 2005 as its historical test year. This Petition is based on the following grounds:

1. ARSD § 20:10:27:07 requires a carrier's carrier to file cost data in support of its switched access service tariff no less than once every three years, but the switched access rules do not prohibit a carrier from filing cost data in support of its switched access service tariff more frequently than once every three years.

2. ARSD § 20:10:27:14 requires carriers to file a cost study within six (6) months of the close of the test year upon which the carrier is relying to support a change in switched access rates. The rule also gives authority to the Commission to grant an extension of the six (6) month filing period, upon request of the carrier.

3. McCook filed a cost study on or about June 29, 2005 (Docket TC05-094). McCook wishes to preserve its option to file a 2006 cost study after the filing deadline of June 30, 2006, but still use calendar year 2005 as the test year to support McCook's 2006 cost study.

4. McCook is requesting an extension of the six (6) month filing period, for the following reasons:

a. McCook anticipates there will be a change in the intrastate switched access rules in the near future, either through new intercarrier compensation rules adopted by the FCC, or pursuant to the rule-making docket currently pending before this Commission. McCook requests an extension of the six (6) month filing deadline for submitting its 2006 cost study until such time as there is a clearer indication of what will be required of carriers under the new switched access regime.

b. McCook's 2005 cost study has not yet been resolved and is currently scheduled for hearing in September, 2006. McCook's decision on whether to file a cost study in 2006 may be affected by the outcome of the pending 2005 docket.

c. McCook will retain its current access rates, pending the outcome of the events in subparagraphs (a) & (b) above, or until McCook files a 2006 cost study, pursuant to the granting of its request herein to extend the filing deadline.

5. McCook is requesting an extension to December 31, 2006, to file a 2006 cost study, using calendar year 2005 as the test year to support McCook's 2006 cost study.

WHEREFORE, McCook respectfully requests the Commission to grant McCook an extension of the six (6) month filing deadline for filing its 2006 cost study, to December 31, 2006, using calendar year 2005 as McCook's test year.

Dated this 23rd day of June, 2006.

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