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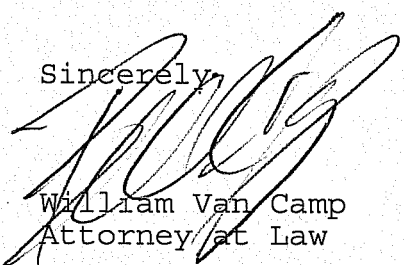
Re: In the Matter of the Establishment of Switched Access Revenue
Requirement for the City of Brookings Municipal Telephone
Department Docket TC06-076

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Enclosed please find an original and ten copies of AT&T's Petition
to Intervene in this docket.

By a copy of this letter I am serving by mail the persons on the
service list.

Sincerely,



William Van Camp
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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTABLISHMENT) TC06-076
OF SWITCHED ACCESS REVENUE)
REQUIREMENT FOR THE CITY OF) PETITION TO INTERVENE
BROOKINGS MUNICIPAL TELEPHONE)
DEPARTMENT)**

Pursuant to ARSD 20:10:01:15.02 AT&T Communications of the Midwest, Inc. ("AT&T"), by its undersigned counsel, petitions the Commission as follows:

1. AT&T is a certificated communications company under the jurisdiction of the Commission.

2. The City of Brookings Municipal Telephone Department ("Brookings") has filed with the Commission its 2005 Intrastate switched access separations study intended to provide a foundation for the computation of its intrastate switched access revenue requirement to be incorporated into the final LECA access tariff, which is pending before the Commission.

3. AT&T recognizes this is a late filed petition for intervention. However, nothing of substance has occurred in this docket and in the LECA switched access rate docket. An initial filing was made and Verizon and Midcontinent Communications have petitioned to intervene in TC06-079. The questions presented by AT&T's proposed intervention in the Brookings and in the LECA docket constitute a matter of public interest. Overstated switched access rates by the Association as a whole would constitute an undue burden upon Petitioner and Petitioner's customers, thus affecting a substantial segment of telephone traffic in the state.

4. AT&T has a direct interest in the outcome of this proceeding. As a certificated local exchange carrier and long distance carrier, AT&T and its customers are subject to the payment of switched access charges in order to do business with Brookings. Increases in access rates generally increase the cost of doing business for AT&T and increase the cost of services that AT&T provides to its customers.

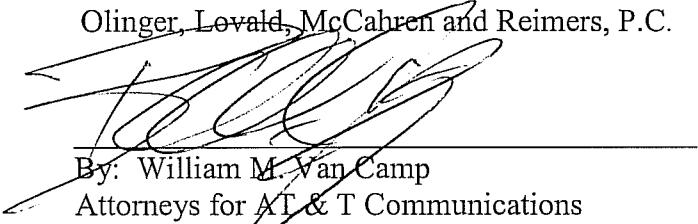
5. AT&T is an intervener in the 05 Switched Access Docket.

RELIEF REQUESTED

WHEREFORE AT&T prays that the Commission permit its intervention and participation in this proceeding to examine and cross-examine witnesses, participate in discovery and offer evidence on its own behalf.

Dated this 1st day of August, 2006.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

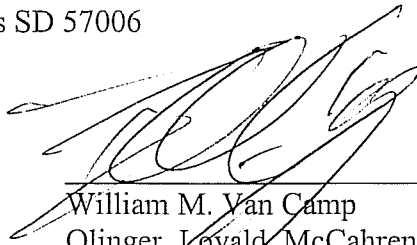
William M. Van Camp hereby certifies that on the 13th day of August, 2006, he mailed by United States mail, first class postage thereon prepaid, a true and correct copy of the foregoing in the above-captioned action to the following at their last known addresses, to-wit:

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