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August 11, 2006

Harlan Best, Utility Analyst
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Dear Mr. Best:

This correspondence addresses the questions and data related to your August 3rd, 2006 email RE: Brookings Certification of Federal Universal Service Support, TC06-130.

1. Please provide an Estimated 2007 Federal Universal Service Receipts, itemized by support category.

2007 Estimated Local Switching Support \$391,000.00

2) ARSD 20:10:32:43.04 requires Brookings dba Swiftel Communications to demonstrate how it satisfies consumer protection (see also ARSD 20:10:33:31, 20:10:34:09, and 20:10:34:10) and service quality standards (see ARSD 20:10:33).

20:10:33:31 – Failure to pay for services other than local exchange services – Swiftel Communications applies payments to all service providers on a pro-rated basis. If full payment is not received by disconnect time, the total amount due is considered when determining if the dial-tone should be suspended. If a customer has made acceptable arrangements for a delayed full/partial payment, service is not suspended. If a customer has lodged a billing dispute, suspension of service is delayed until the dispute is resolved.

20:10:34:09 – Billing requirements – Swiftel Communications provides a monthly itemized billing for each customer account. The bill identifies Swiftel Communications with our address and customer service telephone numbers for questions or account changes. We also identify each IXC with charges on the bill by name, with a toll-free contact number; if there is a sub-carrier for charges, that company is also identified.

20:10:34:10 – Notification of increase in rates – Swiftel identifies all rate increases in an appropriate manner for the customers affected by the rate increase or change. Local service increases are covered by bill inserts and/or messages, the company newsletter to customers, plus releases to the local media. AT&T rate change information is provided as required by AT&T. Quarterly changes, increases or decreases, in the Federal Universal Service Charge are provided via a bill message.

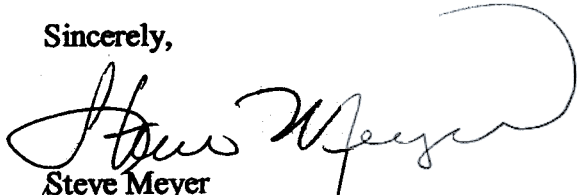
20:10:33 – Service Quality Standards – In reviewing the standards set forth in ARSD 20:10:33, Swiftel Communications meets or exceeds these service quality standards.

3. It appears that a portion of the estimated 2005 cable and wire improvements of \$2,050,000 did not take place. Please explain which 2005 cable and wire improvements were not fulfilled. See your letter dated August 11, 2004.

Swiftel's USF certification reported \$201,478 cable and wire. The dollar amount reported represent assets placed in service during 2005. A majority of the 2005 cable and wire improvements labeled Outside Plant upgrade – FTTP, were not put into service during 2005 and an additional \$1,443,011.00 cash was expended on the outside plant upgrade. These additional assets are reported as 'Construction in Progress' on Swiftel's financial statements. The North 22nd Ave Duct Expansion, South Main Prairie Hills Addition and 15th Street S. Development projects were moved out into future years. The Main Ave. S. Cable Replacement project was completed in 2005.

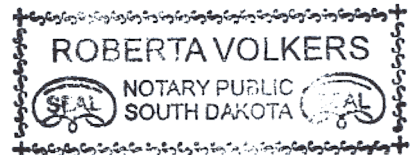
Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,


Steve Meyer
Executive Vice President / General Manager

Subscribed and Sworn to before me this 11 day of August 2006.

Roberta Volkens
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My Commission expires: March 21, 2011