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September 12, 2006

Harlan Best, Utility Analyst SDPUC 500 East Capitol Avenue Pierre, SD 57501-5070

Dear Mr. Best:

This correspondence addresses the questions and data related to your August 3rd, 2006 email RE: Swiftel Certification of Federal Universal Service Support, TC06-131.

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

2007 Estimated High Cost Loop Support \$ 54,333

2007 Estimated Local Switching Support \$162,432

2007 Safety Net Additive Support \$ 5,988

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 – Payments received are applied in full to customer accounts and applied to all services on a pro-rated basis. If full payment is not received by disconnect time, the total amount due is considered when determining if service 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 – <u>Billing requirements</u> – Customers are provided a monthly itemized billing for each account. The bill identifies where to direct billing questions or requests for account changes with the address and (toll-free) customer service telephone numbers.

Details of services and all related charges for each number being billed are identified on the bill.

- 20:10:34:10 Notification of increase in rates All rate, term, or condition of service changes are stated to customers in an appropriate manner for the customers affected by the change. Changes are described in bill inserts, bill messages, or in direct-mail items to the customers.
- 20:10:33 Service Quality Standards Swiftel Communications operates its wireless PCS network using equipment manufactured by Nortel, a reputable supplier of telecommunications equipment. The system is engineered according to industry standard engineering practices and maintained by trained technical staff with up-to-date feature rich hardware and software of sufficient capacity to provide high quality, reliable, wireless service, meeting or exceeding service standards set by the SD PUC in Chapter 20:10:33 of its Administrative Rules.
- 3. ARSD 20:10:32:54(7) requires that Swiftel certify that it is offering a local usage plan comparable to that offered by the incumbent LEC in the ETC exchanges. If Swiftel is offering such plans please so certify.

Swiftel Communications certifies that a service plan offered in the ETC exchanges is comparable to that offered by the incumbent LEC.

4. ARSD 20:10:32:43.05 requires Swiftel to demonstrate that it offers a local usage plan comparable to the one offered by the incumbent LEC. Please describe the local usage plans offered by Swiftel in the ETC exchanges.

See attached marketing brochure for Service Plans & Rates that are offered in designated ETC exchanges.

5. What do each of the following stand for: MTX - SDM MTX - DTC, BSC, XCEM, BTS.

The acronym MTX – SDM stands for the Nortel Mobil Telephone eXchange – Supernode Data Manager (data storage for billing & network metrics)

The acronym MTX – DTC stands for the Nortel Mobil Telephone eXchange – Digital Trunk Controller (Intersystem digital trunks)

The acronym BSC stands for the Nortel Base Station Controller (Radio transmitter controller)

The acronym XCEM stands for the Nortel 1XRTT (One times Radio transmission technology—CDMA 2000 standard) Channel Element Module (provides radio channel capacity to serve customer demand)

The acronym BTS stands for the Nortel <u>Base Transceiver Station</u> (Field radio transmitter and receiver)

6. Does Swiftel have a list of cell sites with address, or latitude and longitude, that can be provided to staff?

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ETC filing of site

See Attached (Confidential) Spreadsheet

7. Does Swiftel have the above (question 6) data for the Tea cell in 2007 and for Hartford and Clark/Henry cells in 2008?

Not at this time.

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 12 day of September 2006.

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My Commission expires: March 21, 2011



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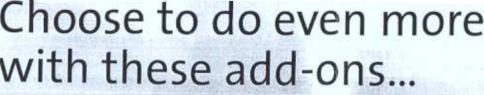
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- > One-year subscriber agreement required

Phone as Modem

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Sprint PCS Wireless Backup

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