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VIA OVERNIGHT MAIL

Patricia Van Gerpen, Executive Director
Public Utilities Commission
Capitol Building, 1st Floor
500 East Capitol Avenue
Pierre, South Dakota 57501

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UTILITIES COMMISSION

RE: In the Matter of a Petition by Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company for a
Waiver of ARSD §§ 20:10:32:52 - 20:10:32:54.

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

We enclosed one original and ten copies of the above-described petition by Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company. If you should have any questions concerning the filing, please contact Melissa Brown in our office at phone number (402) 632-4321 or via email (mkbrown@nntc.net).

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David M. Armstrong', written over a horizontal line.

David Armstrong
President

**BEFORE THE SOUTH DAKOTA
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In the Matter of a Petition by Northeast)
Nebraska Telephone Company for a Waiver of)
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Docket No. _____

Pursuant to Rule § 20:10:32:56 approved and adopted by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission on June 6, 2006, in Docket No. RM06-001, Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company ("Northeast") hereby seeks a waiver of the annual certification requirements for designated eligible telecommunications carriers as required by ARSD §§ 20:10:32:52, 20:10:32:53 and 20:10:32:54. In support of its petition, Northeast states:

1. NebCom, Inc., which merged with and into Northeast as of December 31, 2003, was granted eligible telecommunications carrier ("ETC") status in its South Dakota service area by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission on December 11, 1997, in Docket TC97-179.

2. Northeast's service area in South Dakota consists of the North Bristow exchange. North Bristow is the rural portion of an exchange where the larger portion of the exchange and the central office is located in Nebraska. Northeast has no wire centers in South Dakota.

3. Northeast's lines located in South Dakota comprise approximately .001% of the total access lines in its study area.

4. Northeast's study area code is 371576. Northeast's study area consists primarily of a geographic area contained within the state of Nebraska.

5. For companies such as Northeast who have a very small portion of their overall study area in South Dakota, the requirement of certifying the use of universal service fund monies in accordance with the requirements of the newly-adopted ARSD §§ 20:10:32:52 - 20:10:32:54 is unduly burdensome and unnecessary for the Commission to certify that Northeast is using federal high cost support for its intended purposes.

6. In its Report and Order released March 17, 2005, in CC Docket No. 96-45, FCC 05-46, the FCC encourages state commissions "... to avoid duplicative or inapplicable reporting requirements." The FCC further states that "[i]ndividual state commissions are uniquely qualified to determine what information is necessary to ensure that ETCs are complying with all applicable requirements, including state-specific ETC eligibility requirements." (FCC 05-46 at ¶ 71).

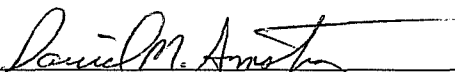
7. Because its study area is largely contained within the state of Nebraska and because it will comply with the Nebraska Public Service Commission requirements for ETC certification, Northeast requests that it be allowed to file a copy of its Nebraska ETC certification with the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission; and that the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission accept such filing as sufficient to make the determination as to include Northeast on the list of certified carriers it provides to the FCC and USAC on or before October 1 of each year.

Accordingly, Northeast respectfully requests that it be granted a waiver of ARSD §§ 20:10:32:52, 20:10:32:53 and 20:10:32:54.

Dated this 31 day of July 2006.

Respectfully submitted,

NORTHEAST NEBRASKA TELEPHONE COMPANY

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