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Ms. Patricia Van Gerpen
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RE: *TC07-105 – In the Matter of the Complaint filed by PrairieWave Black Hills, LLC and
PrairieWave Telecommunications, Inc. against Reduced Rate Long Distance, LLC.*

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Enclosed for filing, please find the Answer regard to the above-referenced matter.
Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

PRAIRIEWAVE BLACK HILLS, LLC,
and PRAIRIEWAVE
TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.,

Complainants,

vs.

REDUCED RATE LONG DISTANCE,
L.L.C.

Respondent.

TC07-105

ANSWER

COMES NOW Reduced Rate Long Distance (“Reduced Rate”) and for its Answer and defenses to the Complaint of PrairieWave Black Hills, LLC and PrairieWave Telecommunications, Inc. (collectively referred to as “PrairieWave”) states and alleges as follows:

1. Except as expressly admitted, qualified or otherwise answered, Reduced Rate denies each and every allegation in the Complaint of PrairieWave.
2. Reduced Rate admits those allegations contained in Paragraphs 1 and 2 of PrairieWave’s Complaint.
3. Paragraphs 3 and 4 of PrairieWave’s Complaint contain statements of law which are neither admitted nor denied.
4. Reduced Rate expressly denies those allegations contained in Paragraph 5 of PrairieWave’s Complaint and remits PrairieWave to strict proof thereof.
5. Reduced Rate expressly denies those allegations contained in Paragraph 6 of PrairieWave’s Complaint and remits PrairieWave to strict proof thereof.

6. Paragraphs 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 of PrairieWave's Complaint contain statements which are either legal conclusions that are contested or factual allegations for which Reduced Rate has insufficient knowledge so as to admit or deny. In addition, any issue relating to potential statutory or rule violations are issues for the Commission and Reduced Rate therefore denies the same and remits PrairieWave to strict proof thereof.

7. Reduced Rate denies the allegations contained in Paragraphs 14 and 15 and remits PrairieWave to strict proof thereof.

8. Reduced Rate affirmatively asserts that Dakota Masonry/Hebron Brick has filed its own Complaint against Reduced Rate, specifically Docket CT07-004, and therefore PrairieWave cannot assert a claim on behalf of this customer nor can it make a claim for any damages related thereto.

AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES

9. Reduced Rate affirmatively states that PrairieWave does not have standing to assert complaints on behalf of its customers nor is it entitled to recover based upon such customer complaints. Reduced Rate further affirmatively states that PrairieWave cannot seek relief on behalf of its customers as it has done in Paragraph 15(b) of its Complaint.

10. PrairieWave's Complaint fails to state a claim against Reduced Rate upon which relief may be granted.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF


WHEREFORE, Defendant Reduced Rate prays for judgment as follows:

1. Dismissing the Complaint in its entirety;
2. Awarding Reduced Rate its costs and disbursements, as well as reasonable attorneys' fees; and

3. For such further and additional relief as the Commission deems just and proper.

Dated this 7th day of January, 2008.

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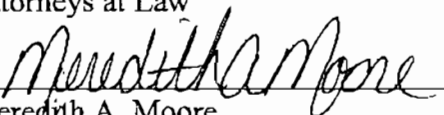
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