

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION
OF SANTEL COMMUNICATIONS
COOPERATIVE, INC. FOR
ARBITRATION PURSUANT TO THE
TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF
1996 TO RESOLVE ISSUES
RELATING TO AN
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT
WITH ALLTEL, INC.**

**DOCKET No. TC 07-115

STIPULATION FOR
SCHEDULING ORDER**

COME NOW Santel Communications Cooperative, Inc. ("Telco") and Alltel Communications, Inc. ("Alltel"), by and through their undersigned counsel, and jointly submit this Stipulation for Scheduling Order to the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (the "Commission").

PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

1. On or before December 14, 2007, Petitioner shall disclose the entirety of the forward-looking economic cost study and results for transport and termination alleged and identified in Paragraph 13 of Petitioner's Petition for Arbitration dated October 19, 2007.
2. On or before December 14, 2007, Petitioner shall disclose the entirety of the traffic study or "methodology" that was used to develop the InterMTA use factor as alleged and identified in Paragraph 14 of Petitioner's Petition for Arbitration dated October 19, 2007.
3. On or before December 24, 2007, the first round of discovery requests shall be served by all parties and responses shall be due on or before January 18, 2008.
4. On or before February 8, 2008, the second round of discovery requests shall be served by all parties and responses shall be due on or before February 29, 2008.

Discovery requests and responses shall not be filed with the Commission unless necessary in connection with a motion to compel or if introduced as a hearing exhibit.

5. On or before March 24, 2008, all parties shall serve and file direct testimony, including exhibits;

6. On or before April 4, 2008, all parties shall serve and file rebuttal testimony, including exhibits.

7. No witness shall be allowed to testify at the hearing unless that witness has prefiled testimony pursuant to this procedural schedule with the exception of witnesses offering live testimony regarding issues first raised in rebuttal testimony. Such testimony shall not be duplicative of prefiled testimony. In the event that a party determines that it will present testimony in response to rebuttal testimony from one or more witnesses that have not prefiled testimony, the names and personal resumes of such witnesses, and a general description of the facts and testimony to be offered by such witnesses shall be provided to the other party and the Commission not later than April 9, 2008;

8. Exhibits offered through a Party's witness shall be attached to prefiled testimony. Any exhibit that may be used on cross-examination shall be disclosed to the other party or on before April 9, 2008, with a copy provided upon request.

Documents served or filed are served on the date they are received. All documents shall be served by e-mail, in .pdf format or, in the case of work sheets, spread sheets or cost calculations, unprotected in the document's original electronic format. Service by e-mail is effective when received.

9. The hearing shall be held in approximately April 2008 or as soon thereafter as the Commission shall be able to hear this matter, in the State Capitol Building, Pierre, South Dakota. The hearing will begin at _____ a.m. CDT on _____. Parties shall arrive prior to the commencement of the hearing to mark exhibits.

10. The parties shall simultaneously serve and file post hearing briefs 45 days following the hearing, along with proposed language for the disputed issues in the

interconnection agreement. The parties shall simultaneously serve and file reply briefs 14 days following the receipt of the initial post hearing briefs.

11. The Commission shall issue its decision resolving the issues in the arbitration on or before July 31, 2008.¹ The decision shall establish a procedure and schedule for filing a confirmed arbitrated agreement for consideration by the Commission. The Commission's resolution of the issues presented in the arbitration shall not be accorded to "final offer" or "baseball" arbitration in which the Commission must accept the final offer of one or the other party, but rather shall be according to "traditional" arbitration in which the Commission may resolve issues presented as it determines to be proper consistent with the facts presented and applicable legal requirements.

SANTEL COMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE, INC.



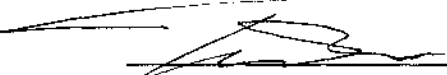
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¹ The parties will have to stipulate or otherwise agree upon an extension of time pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252(a)(4).

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