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RE: *TC07-115: 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 Communications, Inc.*

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

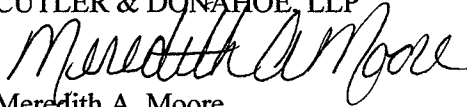
Petitioner Santel Communications Cooperative, Inc. (the "Petitioner") respectfully submits this correspondence as a request to close the above-referenced docket.

Prior to the finalization of interconnection agreements between the parties referenced above, Alltel was acquired by MCI Communications Services, Inc. dba Verizon. New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC d/b/a AT&T Mobility thereafter acquired certain of Alltel's assets in South Dakota and took over negotiations of the interconnection agreement not yet finalized between Alltel and the Petitioner. Since that time, Petitioner has continued to work with AT&T on the finalization of issues related to the interconnection agreement and has implemented interim working arrangements pending finalization. Alltel has not been a party to these discussions and will not be a party to the interconnection agreement. As such, Petitioner believes the referenced docket is moot, no longer necessary and may be closed at this time. A similar request was previously made and dismissal ordered in TC07-114, *In the Matter of the Petition of Kennebec Telephone Company for Arbitration*.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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